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## BARON SAKATANI ARRIVES HERE

Says His Tour is Being Taken for Pleasure, Not to Raise Loan

### FINANCIERS ARE WITH HIM

Japan's Finances Such That Seeking Loan Would Be Work, Not Pleasure

Baron Sakatani Yoshiro, ex-finance minister of Japan, and for a quarter of a century a member of the finance department and prominent in the financial affairs of Japan, arrived yesterday morning on the Nippon Yusen Kaiwa Kaga Maru, Capt. G. S. Laprade, accompanied by ten other prominent Japanese, nearly all leading financiers. The party included K. Yagyu, president of the Bank of Formosa; U. Koyayoshi, director of the finance bureau of Japan for Formosa; K. Sugita, president of the Dai Ichikinuki, Japan's leading bank; S. Mori, counsel to the department of finance; K. Umezawa, a director of the bureau of finance; K. Yamari, manager of the Osaka branch of the Bank of Formosa; S. Yokoyama, of the Bank of Japan, secretary of the baron; K. Magoshi, head of the Dai Nippon Brewing company, a consolidation of the larger Japanese breweries, a life-long friend of the baron, and a pupil of his father; and Z. Horikoshi, a rich silk merchant of New York.

#### On Official Mission.

Japanese newspapers received by the Kaga Maru state that the Baron and his following are bound on an official mission to interview financiers in the United States and Europe with a view to arranging another foreign loan for Japan, already owing \$57,000,000 of the national debt which exceeds a billion dollars in foreign loans.

Baron Sakatani in an interview given to a reporter for the Colonist on board the steamer Kaga Maru yesterday morning stated that his tour, which will involve a trip around the world as he proposes to return via the trans-Siberian railway, is taken solely for pleasure. "He protested, almost too emphatically that business would have no part in his tour.

The baron and his party were given an enthusiastic send-off at Yokohama. There were over a thousand at the railway station at Tokio to see him start, including Admiral Count Yamamoto, Premier Salmon, ministers, ex-ministers, bankers, financiers and others. For several weeks before his departure farewell dinners were given, at some of which, according to the press reports, the speakers referred to the baron's intention of seeking a foreign loan.

"Oh, yes," he said in conversation with a reporter, "the Japanese newspapers have stated my object in going to America and Europe is to secure a foreign loan. This is perhaps due to the prevailing situation. My sole object is to travel for pleasure, as is that of the party accompanying me. Some, though, may have come on business. 'Will you interview any financiers during your trip?' asked the reporter.

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"Assuredly; that would give me pleasure. And is not my trip taken solely for pleasure?" replied the baron.

#### First Trip Abroad.

"This is my first trip abroad," continued Baron Sakatani, "and I am looking forward to the places we intend to visit with much interest. I have letters of introduction to many people, and will visit many distinguished persons in several countries. (Continued on Page Two)

#### South Renfrew Conservatives

Renfrew, Ont., April 30.—South Renfrew Conservatives renominated T. W. McGarry, M. P. P. for the legislature.

#### Mr. McCarthy Retires.

Toronto, April 30.—L. C. McCarthy, Liberal member of parliament for North Shiro, will not seek nomination again for the Commons. He will give his reasons for retirement from politics at a convention to be called. It is understood that Mr. McCarthy's decision to retire is due solely to personal and family reasons.

#### To Punish Kurds.

St. Petersburg, April 30.—A despatch received here from Tabriz states that orders have been received from Teheran to organize 10,000 troops to punish the Kurds. Recently Kurdish tribes have been pillaging the villages around Urumiah, in Persian Armenia, and according to reports have massacred several persons.

#### Scott Act in Fredericton.

Fredericton, N. B., April 30.—After the sharpest contest and the largest vote ever cast in this city, the electors to-day decided to retain the Scott Act by 178 majority. Many impersonations were attempted, and some were successful. Two men were arrested charged with illegal voting. To-night the temperance people are holding a jollification, and many bonfires are blazing to celebrate the victory.

#### SCOTT ACT IN FREDERICTON.

London, April 30.—The Liberals held a party love feast at the Reform club this morning to welcome their new chief, Premier Asquith, and give him an opportunity of publishing a declaration of his policy. Resolutions of loyalty to Mr. Asquith were adopted by acclamation, after which the premier proceeded to outline his programme. He called to the mass of flags of free trade, education, licensing, and old age pensions; but he sought shy of home rule. This was considered as confirmation of the rumors following the defeat of Winston Churchill in the Northwest division of Manchester, that the Premier had notified him of his disapproval of Mr. Churchill's pledges to the Nationalists regarding home rule.

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Mr. Asquith replied: "There has been no change in the policy of the government, which was fully explained by the Chief Secretary for Ireland and by myself on March 30. I did not authorize Mr. Churchill to make, and I am satisfied that he has not made any statement inconsistent with previous declarations of the government. He did not say anything which I have not said expressly or by plain implication in my speech."

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## PREMIER ASQUITH TALKS ON POLICY

Omitted Home Rule in Address at the Reform Club Meeting

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Asserts That Mr. Churchill Did Not Declare Any New Policy

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San Juan, Porto Rico, April 30.—The Red Line steamer Philadelphia arrived here yesterday from Puerto Cabello. Twenty of her passengers

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From the Press

According to information received from St. John, N.B., the patriotic poem, the author of which is Wellington J. Dowler, of this city, and which has been dedicated to the Canadian clubs of Canada, was sung before the members of the branch of that organization in that city. The occasion of the gathering was an address by H. B. Ames, M.P., of Montreal, on the Canadian West. The song was exceedingly well received and was favorably commented on by the press.

The St. John Telegraph of the 22nd inst. contains the following:

"At the conclusion of the luncheon President Walker arose and in a few words extended the club's welcome to the distinguished Canadian. Dr. Walker observed that Mr. Ames was bringing to the east a message from the west, and expressed the hope that Mr. Ames would return to the west with a message from the east. We had spent a considerable amount of money here, and the speaker thought that after Mr. Ames had looked over the harbor and its improvements he would say to the west that St. John was the place to which the products of the west should be brought to be shipped across the seas. Dr. Walker stated that the club was in receipt of a letter from the Canadian club of Victoria, B.C., in which the St. John club was asked to co-operate in having a song which accompanied the letter made the national song of Canada. The song, entitled Canada's Song of Freedom, was dedicated to the Canadian clubs throughout the Dominion. The words were by Wellington Dowler and the music by George Werner.

"At the conclusion of the president's remarks the new song was rendered by Sidney Beckley in an excellent manner. The words are very patriotic and the air quite catchy. Prof. D. Arnold Fox accompanied Mr. Beckley."

## BARON SAKATANI ARRIVES HERE

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firstly in the United States. I am glad to be able to remain in Victoria for some hours and shall take advantage of an opportunity to drive my tally-ho this afternoon to see this city. We intend to remain in Seattle until Saturday night, when we will leave by the Great Northern Railway, the president, Mr. Hill, laying very kindly sent a private car to Seattle for our use. Several cities will be visited and a short stay made at Chicago. Thence we will go to New York, where we purpose to remain for three weeks, and then will go to England, probably as passengers on one of the two large Cunard steamers. How long we will remain in London, Paris and Berlin, I do not know—we will tour in Europe until October when we will go back to Japan by way of the Russian railway through Siberia, and will visit Manchuria and Korea before going to Tokyo. We will not go to Vladivostock, taking passage by the South Manchurian railway from the junction at Harbin.

In a statement given out by Mr. Yokoyama, printed in preparation for the tour, giving the history of Baron Sakatani's career, it is stated: "Baron Sakatani stands for International peace and progress of his country. As Japan is a comparatively young nation, his constant aim is to make its government take a lead in the united and systematic development of the country's commerce and industry. He considers justice and fair play as the fundamental principles of international affairs.

## Of International Import.

"One of his objects in the present trip abroad is to come in contact with distinguished persons in foreign countries. He also hopes to bring about better understanding with various nations, thereby to make it clear that the Japanese people most faithfully respect other countries' rights and are after nothing but the integrity of their own country. The baron is one of those who hold that the increase of military expenses is a waste to mankind, and he is most strenuously endeavoring to lessen the nation's burdens in that respect."

At dinner given by Marquis Inouye, at which most of the ministers of state were present, given at Tokyo shortly before his departure, Baron Sakatani is quoted as saying: "The good or evil of the 'trust' or centralization policy must all depend on times and circumstances. Everybody recognizes the desirability of lightening the people's burdens, and of leaving the tobacco and salt businesses in private hands if only they could be so left. Not only that, but all would like to see the removal of those levies known as bad taxes. But no amount of argument in support of these desires will do any good until there is forthcoming a definite and workable plan to make up for the deficit of revenue."

## Distinguished Traveller's Career.

The statement given out by Mr. Yokoyama, gives the following account of the distinguished traveler's career: "Baron Sakatani was born in 1863. His father who was known better by his nom de plume 'Roro,' was noted for his profound knowledge of Chinese classics; many of his pupils worthy of their teacher's name have distinguished themselves in various fields of activity. In the days of the baron's father, Japan was under the feudal administration of the Tokugawa clan, and the narrow-minded idea of closing the country against foreigners was still prevailing, but the learned scholar spared no effort in showing the people the advisability of opening the country to international trade and intercourse, advocating at the same time the restoration of the imperial regime. After having received the classical education under his father's personal tutorage, Yoshimura Sakatani entered the Tokio university, from which institution he graduated in 1884 with honors. Immediately after his graduation, he entered the government service in the department of finance, the head of which was then Count Matsukata (now Marquis). The finance of the country at that time was in a disturbed condition owing to the circulation of inconvertible notes, which however became convertible in

## National Debt Expanding

The difficulties in the way of Japanese financiers who seek further foreign loans are again seen in the failure to carry out the proposed arrangement to pay off the national debt in 1906, as proposed. M. Tsukada, who has charge of the bureau for readjustment of the national debt in the Finance Department of Japan, has made an official explanation that but \$12,500,000 was appropriated during the present fiscal year (1907-8) to the sinking fund, and arrangement for payment of \$18,500,000 is made for the following year, whereas the original arrangement was to place \$55,000,000 annually to the fund and pay off the national debt in 30 years. This was, anyhow, an impossible arrangement unless the burden of armaments was lifted.

## How rapidly the national debt of

Japan is expanding is shown from the fact that it increased from \$250,500,000 in 1903, to \$1,108,600,000 in 1906. Of this amount \$571,000,000 is in foreign loans, and there is to be added to these the large number of internal loans.

## Revised Financial System.

Later he mainly engaged in the revision of the financial system; many of the financial laws and regulations enacted since 1890 were proposed by him. He afterwards ardently insisted upon the change of the country's

## MONETARY SYSTEM INTO GOLD STANDARD,

and in the currency commissioners' meetings which were held in 1893, with the view of investigating the advisability of adopting gold standard, he of course announced himself as a most pronounced advocate for its adoption. In 1897 the government bill for the single gold standard was at last introduced in the Diet, which passed it after a much-heated debate. In the Chino-Japanese war of 1894-5, in the Boxer disturbance of 1900, and in the Russo-Japanese war of 1904-5, the baron showed exceptional abilities in skillfully managing the complicated financial affairs during and after these wars. He was in the service of the department of finance for about 24 years. After having filled several posts in the department, he was made the vice-minister of finance in 1901, and the minister of finance in January, 1906. The baron resigned the portfolio of the minister of finance after nearly completing the post-bellum adjustment of finances and preparing the budget, based on the state of affairs in the time of peace.

During the long years of the baron's governmental service, Japan has achieved gigantic strides and most striking expansion. In 1884, when he first entered the service, the revenue of the state amounted to no more than 76,000,000 yen, the foreign trade to 53,000,000 yen and the national debt to 23,000,000 yen; while in 1907, these items were respectively augmented to 616,000,000 yen, 947,000,000 yen (including Formosa) and 2,243,000,000 yen. The financial projects in which the baron took important part are innumerable. Among other things may be mentioned organizations for the governments of Formosa, Kwantung, Korea and Saghalien; the establishment of the Hypothec Bank of Japan, agricultural and industrial banks, the Industrial Bank of Japan, the Colonial Bank of Hokkaido, and the Bank of Formosa; the reform of the Korean monetary system; the reorganization of Manchurian currency and railways; the Nationalization of home railways; the extension of iron foundry enterprises; the monopolization of tobacco and salt industries; the readjustment of the pension bonds. On account of these strenuous works he could scarcely find time for any extensive travel even in his own country. Needless to say, he had no time up to now to go abroad. It can therefore be seen how much he enjoys his present trip.

Various honors and decorations have been conferred upon the baron for his well-merited services to the state. To begin with, he was decorated with a Minor Cordon of the Rising Sun of the 4th order of merit for his services in the Chino-Japanese war of 1894-5. For his eminent work in introducing the Single Gold Standard, he was awarded the Medium Cordon of the Rising Sun of the third order of merit. His services during the Boxer disturbance won for him the Second Order of Merit of Sacred Treasure. For his able management of the war finance during 1904-5, he was created a baron, and conferred with the Grand Cordon of the Rising Sun of the first order of merit. The baron is also a recipient of various foreign decorations.

## Prominent Educationalist

In the field of learning, the baron has also made notable contributions. In the earlier days he taught political economy and finance at the Senshu Gakko, the Marine Paymaster's school, and the Keio college. The first-named school, where he still acts as the Dean, has also worked either as president or a committee, for the National Science Association, the Tokio Economic Society, the Tokio Statistical Society, etc. He has endeavored to diffuse the knowledge of economic and financial sciences by means of magazines, articles and public speeches. Of his publications may be mentioned the collection of his father's prose and poetry, the Life and Works of Baron Shibusawa, noted financier and Baroness Sakatani's father, the Financial History of the Meiji Era, etc. The Financial and Economic Annual of Japan, published in English, French and German by the Department of Finance, was first started by Baron Sakatani.

Baron Sakatani's statement that his trip is purely for pleasure is probably a diplomatic evasion. As he says it would be pleasure for him to interview the leading financiers of the money centers. If he is, as the Japanese press states without exception, in search for another loan, he will have a severe task, for the finances of Japan are in a bad condition. The future of 38 banks with an aggregate of \$38,000,000 of capital and deposits last year, and 23 banks since this year began, with aggregate of capital and deposits of \$30,759,000, a total of over \$8 millions since 1907 began, the great decline in the share market, and the greatly increased interest demanded for currency in Japan, shows the situation that is to be saved, and because of this, an effort to raise a new foreign loan will be an easy task.

## Plan of Redemption

When it was announced that the Japanese government proposed to redeem the war bonds and the first instalment was to be paid at once, it was believed that the government would pay in currency, thus liberating about \$50 million dollars for industrial purposes. There was gloom, though, when the plan of redemption was announced. The plan is, in effect, to avoid payment in cash by the offer of conversion bonds at higher rate of interest for the old ones. The offer is a tempting one, the government offering bonds at 9 per cent in exchange for those which bear 5 per cent. The arrangement provides, in effect, that \$900 face value of the old bonds can be exchanged for \$1,050 worth of new bonds, terminable in six years. The proposed "redemption" of the war loan is practically merely an expansion of the government debt.

## Land Clearing

With regard to the proposed clearing of land for settlement, Mr. Marpole said that an inspection had been made of lands in the Cowichan district, in the vicinity of Ladysmith, and near Qualicum. Mr. Palmer had accompanied the party for the purpose of testing his expert knowledge of horticulture and general farming in rendering advice as to which sections it would be advisable to clear. This he had done and it was intended to immediately commence work in the three sections mentioned.

Just how many acres will be made ready for settlement immediately, Mr. Marpole was not prepared to say. He pointed out that already a considerable area near Ladysmith, Tenders will be asked for similar work in the same district, and also, at Cowichan and Qualicum. If the figures did not meet with the approval of officials the project would not be allowed to drop. In such an event the E. & N. company, in all probability, would take hold of the work themselves. At any rate it would be pushed forward expeditiously as it was desired to ascertain whether these lands were sufficiently attractive to draw settlers. It was to be understood that the scheme was in its experimental stage. If it proved successful it might be pursued on a larger scale.

In his inspection of the work in progress in the construction of the road to Alberni, Mr. Marpole found everything satisfactory. The actual building of the road-bed and laying of rails was taking place on the first fourteen miles, and, as far as he could judge, it was going forward with commendable rapidity. Besides forty-five miles of the sixty-two remaining had been cleared, thus making it possible for the work to be continued without interruption.

It was proposed to commence a double daily service on the E. & N. line from Nanaimo to Victoria beginning on the 1st of June. This, he thought, would be satisfactory news to Victorians.

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## The Terminal Plans.

Speaking of the improved terminal facilities here he was not in a position to make any new statement. Of course it was generally known that an agreement had been entered into with the B. C. Electric Railway company for the electrifying of the road now under construction from the present depot to the site of the old Albion Iron works. Through this arrangement the cars could be taken directly to the new yards and the merchants could back their wagons up to the doors, receive their goods without difficulty and quickly. This would relieve the congestion for the present and the arriving at a permanent arrangement could be left to the future.

Mr. Marpole expressed pleasure at the apparent condition of Duncan and the surrounding section. He had

GAME RESERVE OF  
ALL E. & N. LANDS

R. Marpole Makes Important  
Announcement Regarding  
Railway's Plans

The establishment of a game preserve on the E. & N. lands obtained by the C.P.R. in the purchase of the former railway, the immediate clearing of many acres of the districts adjacent to Duncan, Ladysmith and Qualicum for settlement, the inauguration of a double daily service over the Island line, to say nothing of the construction of a road from Nanaimo to Alberni, are the plans which the C.P.R. will carry into effect without delay in the development of their holdings on Vancouver Island.

This statement was made last evening by R. Marpole, general executive assistant to the C.P.R. and vice-president of the E. & N. railroad. Accompanied by H. J. Cambie, consulting engineer of the E. & N., and R. Palmer, provincial horticultural commissioner, he has just completed a tour of inspection. They travelled in Mr. Marpole's private car, the Brunswick, and made a short stay at Duncan, afterwards going to Nanaimo from where they took an automobile along the road of the construction work in progress as far as practicable.

While in the Cowichan valley Mr. Marpole took occasion to visit Sahtlam, an Indian village situated on the Cowichan river some miles from the town of Duncan. He stated that it was the intention of his company to construct a foot bridge across the waterway at that point for the convenience of visiting disciples of Nimrod. For the same purpose a trail would be built along the bank of the river to the head waters. This would permit fishermen, leaving Duncan, to reach desirable waters for the obtaining of sport without the difficulties which, under the present conditions, they must experience. He could not say, definitely, what amount would be spent in this work but he could give his assurance that it would be done thoroughly.

## Game Preserve Projected.

The object of the proposal outlined, Mr. Marpole said, was easily explained. It would have to be first understood that it was the intention to make a hunting reserve of all the E. & N. lands, and to specially preserve that in the Cowichan district. Unless some such step were taken it would not be long before the strain would become depleted and, of course, lose its present popularity among those who delighted in the sport.

He did not think it would be difficult to carry out the company's wishes in this respect. Notices would be posted to the effect that trespassers would be prosecuted. In his opinion one or two prosecutions would convince the general public that the threat was not an idle one. In this he referred more especially to Cowichan river. Not as much attention would be paid to the lake as it would be quite possible for any one to obtain a boat, fish all day, and return without touching the company's property. While they could take canoes or boats on the river they would have to land somewhere and then would become trespassers.

He did not wish it thought that the contemplated regulations were being introduced for the mere purpose of curtailing the enjoyment of local enthusiasts. It simply had to be done to preserve the source of the sport. Of those who obtain authority from the manager of the Empress Hotel, or from the company's warden, whose headquarters would be at Duncan, would be permitted to make use of the water mentioned for fishing. Thus an attraction for the hotel's guests would be conserved and it would be possible to extensively advertise Victoria as a "sportsman's paradise."

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Money due to the firm will be payable to W. B. Ryan and E. F. Lang at the office of the firm.

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Tenders, sealed and endorsed, will be received up to 4 p.m. on Monday, the first day of June, 1908, for 750 drums, or more if required, of about 90 Imperial gallons each, of high grade coal tar creosote, according to specification which can be seen or had at the office of the undersigned, to whom tenders must be addressed.

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## TO START WORK ON THE MILL BAY ROAD

Construction Will Commence  
In Couple of Months—Surveyor Busy on Location

A start will be made on the construction of the new roadway from Goldstream to Mill Bay, a distance of approximately, seventeen miles, in the course of a few months. During the last session of the Provincial Legislature \$20,000 was placed in the estimates for this undertaking. About the same time a report of a general survey was submitted by Dennis Harris. The latter now has a party in the field doing location work and, as soon as this is completed, which will be in something like two months, active operations will be started and pushed forward as expeditiously as possible.

The proposed new thoroughfare is a convenience, not only desired by the residents of the district in the vicinity of Mill Bay, but which will be greatly appreciated by all interested in the welfare of Victoria. It will bring Cowichan valley and all districts to the immediate north in closer touch with the city, thus permitting the interchange of business without the difficulty now experienced.

At present those driving from the north to Victoria have to climb the Sooke Hills, a route involving both a heavy grade and a greater distance than is necessary. The contemplated roadway, that surveyed by Mr. Harris and pronounced by him to be in every way practicable, will eliminate much of the hill and also cut down the distance many miles.

W. H. Hayward, M. P. P. for Cowichan, who is in the city in connection with this project, states that when Mr. Harris' final report is ready, it is probable that the Government will provide for the commencement of work both from Goldstream and from Mill Bay. The road, he says, will be constructed north and south as far as possible with the money at the disposal of the authorities—in other words, as long as the aforementioned \$20,000 lasts. Then it will be possible to form an estimate of what expenditure will be needed for the remainder of the road, and doubtless provision will be made accordingly.

The route to be adopted, Mr. Hayward asserts, is along the Saanich Inlet between the E. & N. railway and the water for a considerable distance, thus following the line of that road bed over the summit, only on a lower grade. The advantage of this could easily be seen by any who possessed a knowledge of the country. As stated, it would mean less climbing and a shorter journey to those who wished to drive from the adjacent agricultural sections to Victoria or vice versa.

Referring to conditions in the Cowichan valley, Mr. Hayward said that they were exceedingly promising. He looked for an exceptional year. People were coming in from the outside constantly, taking up small and large farms, and as a rule, going in for mixed farming. The district was becoming settled rapidly, the value of property was rising and tourists were beginning to seek out the Cowichan lake and river for a holiday during which the best of sport might be enjoyed. The forthcoming season, he believed, would be much more prosperous than heretofore.

## BANK CLEARINGS ARE STEADILY INCREASING

April Figures Indicate the Ex-

ansion of the City's  
Business

Local bank clearings for the month of April continue to show the satisfactory growth of the previous three months. Last month's figures were \$4,634,089, compared with \$4,290,782 for the corresponding month a year ago. For the first four months of the present year the aggregate clearings were \$17,588,678, as compared with \$16,274,249 for the same four months last year.

The growth in local bank clearings is all the more satisfactory when it is considered that practically every other city in the Dominion shows a falling off in the bank figures as compared with the same period a year ago. Bank clearings are generally considered to be one of the best illustrations of the growth of business and the fact that every month this year has shown a substantial increase over the corresponding month a year ago is indicative of the steady growth in local business circles.

The monthly returns so far this year, compared with those for the same time a year ago, are as follows:

1908 1907

January \$4,391,095 \$3,909,509

February 4,272,712 3,750,822

March 4,290,782 4,059,507

April 4,634,089 4,564,411

Four months \$17,588,678 \$16,274,249

## APRIL FIRE LOSS

Property Valued at Eighty-Five Thousand Dollars Went Up in Smoke

The April fire loss in Victoria totalled \$55,205, according to figures compiled by Fire Chief Thomas Watson.

During the month there was a total of fourteen alarms but in only four cases was any damage done by fire. The conflagration in the Sehl block, where damage to the amount of \$35,000 was done, and also at the plant of the Victoria Brick company, where the loss is estimated to have been \$10,000 practically covered the whole of the loss for the month, the other losses being small in amount.

## NOTICE

Thirty days after date I intend to apply to F. S. Hussey for a renewal of hotel license on the business occupied by me and known as the Mayne Island Hotel.

C. J. McDONALD.

Acetylene Explosion

Fort Francis, Ont., April 29.—Dugald McLennan, a workman employed at the C. N. R. shops, narrowly escaped death this morning in a gas explosion which completely wrecked the company's big generating plant and caused damage amounting to three thousand dollars. McLennan was at his usual work, feeding the acetylene into the generating plant, and without any warning whatever there was a terrific report and he was hurled across the room and banged against the wall. McLennan will recover. The cause of the explosion cannot be ascertained.

## TAXATION OF CIVIL SERVICE EMPLOYEES

The Authorities Waiting New  
Brunswick Judgment—Opposition Expected

The taxation of civil servants in British Columbia is still a live issue. Enquiry elicited the information yesterday that the officials of the provincial government had temporarily deferred making preparations to take steps to impose the fees on those in the public employ. This was being done in order that a written copy of a judgment delivered in New Brunswick, in reference to the same question, was received.

It is understood that a number of those who will be affected by the new regulation have given notice of their intention to decline to comply with the demands made upon them. However, it is pointed out that these cases may not be recognized until the particular individuals in question become delinquent in their payments.

From what can be gathered the provincial government, although the New Brunswick judgment is wanted, base their contention on a decision given by the Privy Council on an appeal from the court of Australia on the same question. It is understood that those civil servants who contemplate opposing taxation will contend that the conditions existing in the Commonwealth and those prevailing in the Dominion are much different and that, therefore, what has been done in the former cannot be accepted as a precedent for the establishment of similar regulations here.

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### THE WATER PROBLEM.

The water supply of Victoria and its environs is easily the most important question now before the people of this city in their municipal capacity. The decision to be reached in the near future must have profound effect upon the community. It was unfortunate that the last city council felt bound to submit to the ratepayers certain by-laws, which were voted upon at the last municipal election, because the information at that time in the possession of the public was not sufficient to enable any one to reach a satisfactory conclusion, and there is great reason to doubt if the ratepayers would have decided in favor of Sooke Lake as the source of supply, if they had been in possession of the facts, which we are able to lay before them this morning. The Colonist has its own view as to the policy, which the city ought to adopt, but, in expressing it lays before its readers a mass of information from which they can draw their own conclusions. This information consists of the evidence and arguments presented to the Private Bills committee of the legislature at the last session, the report of Mr. Albert E. Ashcroft, the engineer who made an examination at the Sooke Lake supply and the property of the Esquimalt Waterworks company at the request of the government, and the letter of the government to the city. We recommend the perusal of these several documents to every citizen of Victoria.

The position of the Colonist is that the City of Victoria ought to purchase the entire holdings of the Esquimalt Waterworks company, including Thetis Lake and the distribution system installed in connection therewith, for the sum of \$1,000,000; that it should retain Elk Lake and should undertake the supply of water to the whole area between Esquimalt Harbor and Cadboro Bay and such part of South Saanich as that municipality may arrange for. If legislation is required to give effect to such a project, we have no doubt that it could readily be obtained. We believe that by the adoption of such a plan, this city and its suburbs can secure the best possible source of water for domestic purposes for fire protection and for furnishing power, at a price lower than it can be obtained for by the adoption of any other system, and that the supply thereby secured will be very much better than any other which the city is at present or will for some time to come be able financially to obtain. We submit further that the city ought to offer the Esquimalt Waterworks company \$1,000,000 in four per cent city bonds in payment for all their property, rights and franchises, and that the company ought to accept the same.

Before proceeding to consider the business aspect of the case, we direct attention to the letter of the Provincial Secretary to the City Clerk. It will be seen that the government proposes to preserve for the city any legal rights as to expropriation, which it now claims, but it also proposes to prevent the exercise of these rights in a manner that will to all intents and purposes destroy the value of the property of the company. If the city were allowed to take possession of the proposed reservoir site below the Electric company's power house, the value of the holdings of the Waterworks company would be greatly depreciated, so much so, indeed, that the investment of the shareholders would be rendered of questionable value. The acquisition of this site is not in any way necessary to the utilization of Sooke Lake as a source of supply. If it were essential to the water service of the city, the company would have to give way, on the principle that the public interest must be preferred to the interests of private individuals; but as it is not necessary for such a purpose, its expropriation would be a wanton depreciation of the value of investments made in good faith by some of our own people. We submit that a perusal of all the facts published in the Colonist this morning, and it is only after such perusal that any one can be fully informed of the grounds upon which the government has come to the conclusion embodied in the letter, will satisfy any reasonable man that a wise decision has been reached, one that is fair to the city and just to the company.

The report of Mr. Ashcroft is a business-like document, and we think the people of Victoria will feel under obligations to the Government for having placed it at their disposal at once, instead of delaying it until it could be laid before the Legislature. It is of the utmost importance that the people should have in their possession at the earliest possible day the results of Mr. Ashcroft's investigations. In regard to

that gentleman's competency to make a report, the fact that he was selected by the Government is *prima facie* evidence of it, but there is the additional evidence that he is actually engaged in doing work of the kind that would be necessary to make Sooke Lake available as a water supply. His conclusions are of very great value, especially as they are those of an impartial investigator. He was employed by the Government of the province for the purpose of making an unbiased investigation, and we submit that his report itself demonstrates his ability to do the work and the efficiency and thoroughness with which it has been done. We direct attention to the great discrepancy in the estimates of Mr. Adams and Mr. Ashcroft of the cost of the proposed tunnel to Sooke Lake. The former placed the cost at \$520,000, and it was upon this estimate that the ratepayers voted last January. Mr. Ashcroft puts the cost at from \$350,000 to \$400,000 more. It will be seen by reference to the evidence given before the Private Bills Committee that none of the witnesses examined placed the cost as low as Mr. Adams did, namely at \$18 per foot. It appears from the report that Mr. Ashcroft thinks the city could purchase the Esquimalt water works property at the price he names, bring the water to the city and provide for its distribution at a cost of \$6,700 a year over and above all sources of water revenue provided the present income is not increased and the company will accept the price which he considers fair and equitable. At the present rate of increase in the water revenue this deficiency would be made up in a very short time. The purchase of the Thetis Lake system would give the city a self-supporting property and does not affect the question of initial cost, while adding a revenue-producing factor.

By the adoption of such a plan as is recommended above, the city would at very early day, at a very much earlier day than would be possible under any other system that can be suggested, be put in the enjoyment of:

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It would get rid of the existing dual system of water supply.

It would enable the city to furnish power to persons requiring it.

Mr. Ashcroft is of the opinion that the cost of obtaining water from Sooke Lake is too great for the city to contemplate at present, but he suggests that the municipality should be given power to go to that source in the future, when the growth of population will warrant it. His opinion is entitled to the serious consideration of the ratepayers and the citizens generally. He gives, as will be seen, an estimate of the cost of the tunnel route and of the long route around the Sooke Hills, and shows that by adopting the first the city would have to contemplate an annual deficiency of \$46,000 and by the latter a deficiency of \$24,000, without taking into account the price below par which the bonds might realize. These liabilities are too serious to be faced at the present time, in view of the large expenditures so imperatively necessary in other directions. For ourselves we are much impressed with the importance of acquiring the Thetis Lake system. There will be a large influx of people to the district lying between Victoria Arm and the Esquimalt Harbor, and a good revenue would be derived from that source which would be entirely lost to the city, if the Esquimalt Water Works Company is permitted to continue to hold its franchise. We invite the careful consideration of all the citizens of Victoria to the facts presented to them this morning. We ask them to dismiss all personal or other prejudices, and to base their opinion upon the facts. We think it has been very clearly established that to embark upon the Sooke Lake project would be exceedingly unwise. We think also that the estimate of the present value of the Esquimalt Waterworks company's holdings appears reasonable. It is less than the company has asked, and may not be wholly acceptable to its shareholders. The government proposes to clear the way for arbitration in case the city decides to acquire the whole or any part of the company's holdings, but at the same time to safeguard properly the interests of the shareholders. The contention of the company that the arbitration should proceed under the Water Clauses Act is rejected. Therefore it is an open question what in the event of arbitration proceedings the city would be called upon to pay. For this reason, we suggest that it would be in the interest of both parties to accept the valuation made by Mr. Ashcroft and proceed at the earliest possible day to come to a conclusion on that basis.

### THE FISHERIES QUESTION

The Ottawa organ of the Laurier government is rail'd on all subjects relating to the government of British Columbia. It now alleges that Mr. McBride has refused the overtures of Mr. Bastedo, representing the Domin-

ion government in connection with the fisheries, and it says that this is done for the purpose of securing a new bone of contention, now that the matter of Oriental immigration has been got out of the way. It appears to make very little difference to the Ottawa paper whether what it says is true or false, provided it can create a hostile impression as to the conduct of the government of this province. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Bastedo came to British Columbia more on a "feeling" mission than anything else. The negotiations came to an end because he was not in a position to speak for the government which sent him here. Moreover it is not true that Mr. McBride is responsible for the raising of an issue between the province and the Dominion in regard to the fisheries. The open question is an old one, and was discussed between the two governments long before Mr. McBride came into office. May we further assure the Ottawa paper that nothing is further from Mr. McBride's desire than to stir up strife between the province and the Dominion? He is an ardent believer in the future of this province, and desirous of doing everything possible for its development. He is anxious to get all outstanding questions between the two governments disposed of, so that he may be able to devote his energies to the many and grave local problems calling for attention. Those who suppose that Mr. McBride has in mind in the exercise of his responsible duties first and foremost the achievement of party success, simply do not know the man. But he is young and can afford to be misunderstood for a little while. He is far from being simply a political partisan, as his opponents are learning every day, and as they will appreciate more fully by and bye.

In reference to the relations between the two governments on this particular subject, it may be noted that it was discussed with Sir Louis Davies, when he was Minister of Marine and Fisheries and a partial adjustment was reached. It was taken up afterwards with Mr. Prentiss, Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Brodeur. All of these federal ministers expressed themselves as desirous of reaching a settlement, but none has been arrived at, although the provincial authorities have time and time again urged that representatives of the two governments should get down to business. When Mr. Bastedo came to Victoria the provincial authorities hoped that he would be in a position to submit terms, to which they could assent, or would assent to terms satisfactory to them, or in some way a compromise could be arrived at, which would be fair to both parties. But Mr. Bastedo's instructions do not appear to have been broad enough to enable him to act, so after he had heard what the provincial government had to suggest, all he could do was to return to Ottawa and submit the proposals to the Minister. That is how the matter stands. Since Sir Louis Davies had the matter in hand the Dominion government has made no earnest effort to reach a conclusion. That there is any open question of any kind whatsoever in regard to the fisheries is simply due to the fact that apparently the Dominion government does not want it to be closed. Whether this is because there are certain people who prefer to see the dispute remain unadjusted and the province deprived of its just rights, rather than that Mr. McBride and his colleagues should have what credit might attach to a settlement favorable to the province, or is owing to the unwillingness of the Dominion government to deal fairly by the province, we shall not undertake to say.

We emphatically deny the accuracy of the statement attributed to Governor Johnson of Minnesota, during the course of a speech at Detroit on Wednesday—that the people of Sarnia, Ont., expressed approval when he said "the Stars and Stripes would ultimately float from Bering Sea to the Gulf of Mexico." We do not believe Governor Johnson or any one else can find a half dozen people in the whole of the Dominion who are to-day favorable to the annexation of this country to the United States; therefore the most charitable view to take of the matter is that the Governor was misquoted. In the brief synopsis of his speech which appeared in our telegraph columns yesterday, we detect the voicing of an aspiration that the development of the continent of America might be left more largely to the people of America, rather than to a great percentage of foreigners. The expression of such a sentiment will elicit sympathetic approval, though it must be clear to everybody, who gives the matter any thought, that little is to be gained by indulgence in such musings. When the Governor declares that "the intellectual energy of the country must be directed to the commercial union of the two countries, if to no other," he takes ground where there is room for some profitable debate, but to do so with any satisfaction one would require to be in possession of his arguments supporting his contention. But Governor Johnson ought to be told at once that Canada is getting along very nicely, just as things are at present in respect to international relations, and will not be the first to propose any change even in respect to commercial matters.

The illustrations in this morning's Colonist are the work of the Colonist photo-engraving plant, which has just been installed. The work has been done under somewhat difficult circumstances, but the plant is now fully equipped and ready for business. It is thoroughly up to date in every particular and the Colonist is in a position to execute all orders for work of this nature.

It is the alleged conviction of certain Liberals that they are going to win the next election. We do not know that this is a matter for surprise, for if the fugitives of the party gave up the fight at this early stage, it would be something unprecedented. We have a dim recollection of being assured just before the local elections of 1904 that the Liberals were going to sweep the province.

A double daily service on the E. & N. is promised from and after June 1. This is a sign of the growing time which has now fairly set in on Vancouver Island. The land-clearing scheme will also shortly be underway, and we are confident that the results will be such that the company will continue the work indefinitely,

or as long as there is any land available.

An enquiry is to be made in the House of Commons as to the status of the Yukon Gold Company. This is the flotation which Mr. Lawson of Boston made famous the other day. The government is to be asked what steps it took to protect the investing public. There will be general agreement that the subject is an eminently proper one for enquiry.

Lord Milner is to pay a visit to Canada this fall. He would be sure of a warm welcome in any event, but his reception will be particularly cordial because we have not forgotten that the former high commissioner for South Africa displayed an ability in that important post which stamped him as one of the greatest living imperialists as well as one of the foremost statesmen of the age.

Our Liberal friends are taking much satisfaction out of the settlement of the Oriental immigration question. They do not tell us how much the firm attitude of the province of British Columbia under the leadership of the present local government contributed to producing the condition of things upon which they are priding themselves. We do not observe that any of the speakers the other night reminded their hearers that Sir Wilfrid Laurier has expressed the opinion that in his anti-Oriental policy he was simply yielding to the demands of British Columbia, the wisdom of which he did not concede.

The engagement of Miss Jean Reid, daughter of Whitelaw Reid, the United States ambassador to the Court of St. James, to the Hon. John Herbert Ward, a brother of the Earl of Dudley, is an announcement which will be received with pleasure by all who desire an increasing friendship between Great Britain and the United States. Nothing is calculated to contribute to the strengthening of the bond of sentiment, which to-day unites the two great nations, more certainly than the marriage of members of leading official families on each side of the water. It is a little extraordinary, however, that we hear of few cases where titled English girls marry rich young Americans.

Mr. Fred Peters is reported in the Times as having said at the meeting of the Liberal Association, referring to the Hodgins charges: "Our duty is to withhold judgment until all the facts are before them, and some better authority than the Colonist newspaper says it is true." We do not believe that Mr. Peters said anything of the kind and for two reasons. One is because Mr. Peters, though sometimes mistaken, is always grammatical, and the other, that he is always truthful, and hence would never say that the Colonist stated that what Major Hodgins said was true, when the Colonist has not yet done anything of the kind. The Colonist has asked for an investigation and has expressed the hope that Major Hodgins will be shown to be in error.

We emphatically deny the accuracy of the statement attributed to Governor Johnson of Minnesota, during the course of a speech at Detroit on Wednesday—that the people of Sarnia, Ont., expressed approval when he said "the Stars and Stripes would ultimately float from Bering Sea to the Gulf of Mexico." We do not believe Governor Johnson or any one else can find a half dozen people in the whole of the Dominion who are to-day favorable to the annexation of this country to the United States; therefore the most charitable view to take of the matter is that the Governor was misquoted. In the brief synopsis of his speech which appeared in our telegraph columns yesterday, we detect the voicing of an aspiration that the development of the continent of America might be left more largely to the people of America, rather than to a great percentage of foreigners. The expression of such a sentiment will elicit sympathetic approval, though it must be clear to everybody, who gives the matter any thought, that little is to be gained by indulgence in such musings. When the Governor declares that "the intellectual energy of the country must be directed to the commercial union of the two countries, if to no other," he takes ground where there is room for some profitable debate, but to do so with any satisfaction one would require to be in possession of his arguments supporting his contention.

The Times says that every problem before the Laurier government has been solved by the genius of its leader. This is somewhat tough on Sir Wilfrid's colleagues, but we suppose the truth has to be told.

The illustrations in this morning's Colonist are the work of the Colonist photo-engraving plant, which has just been installed. The work has been done under somewhat difficult circumstances, but the plant is now fully equipped and ready for business. It is thoroughly up to date in every particular and the Colonist is in a position to execute all orders for work of this nature.

It is the alleged conviction of certain Liberals that they are going to win the next election. We do not know that this is a matter for surprise, for if the fugitives of the party gave up the fight at this early stage, it would be something unprecedented. We have a dim recollection of being assured just before the local elections of 1904 that the Liberals were going to sweep the province.

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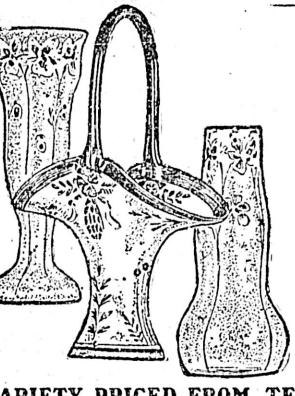
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## The Tragedies of Moving Day

We're not in league with the moving man, though his recklessness in the handling of fine china, bric-a-brac and objects of art would appear to be strong circumstantial evidences of guilt. He's alone responsible for the tragedies of moving day, though we profit by them. "It's an ill wind"—you know.

Some consolation may be derived from the fact that many prized pieces may be replaced by objects superior to the old ones at half the original cost, in this popular shop of ours.

When you get settled come in.

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We have a goodly variety to choose from marked at enticing summer prices—all sorts.

Any of them has the distinctive qualities that make a desirable natal or wedding anniversary.

Was your wife born or were you married in May? Send her an ice cream set, as a surprise.

## NOTE AND COMMENT

## FORTY YEARS AGO

## BRITISH OPINION

The British Colonist, Friday, May 1, 1868.

The policy of the federal government in respect to immigration is just now a lively theme for discussion throughout the country, and the following statistics, contained in a special Ottawa dispatch, will therefore be read with great interest:

The immigration for the last fiscal year was 262,469, made up of 120,182 British, 83,975 Continental, and 58,312 from the United States. For the corresponding months (April 1, 1902 to the end of March, 1907, which is part of two fiscal years) the immigration was 222,702 made up of 103,966 British, 59,473 Continental, and 59,263 from the United States. The increase for the twelve months was 39,737.

The total immigration for the first three months of this year was 27,144, as compared with 42,048 for the same three months in 1907, showing a decrease of 14,904. The British immigration was 8,944, as compared with 20,822, a decrease of 11,878. The Continental immigration was 6,810, as compared with 11,500, a decrease of 4,780. The immigration from the United States was 11,390, as compared with 8,626, an increase of 1,764.

Snow fell at Clinton on Wednesday.

Ottawa, April 28.—The House of Commons sat on Saturday with closed doors. The subject under consideration was the suspicion of being Fenians which has fallen on certain employees of the House. In connection with the assassination of McGee, a message from the Duke of Buckingham relating to the assassination was laid before both Houses. An address conveying their sympathy with parliament and Her Majesty, expressing indignation at the atrocious crime, was agreed upon in the Senate.

## ABOUT PEOPLE

The rumor embodied in an unobtrusive little paragraph that one of the King's younger nieces is about to form an alliance with a young German officer of non-noble birth is of considerable interest. The only quite youthful princess of modern days who has stepped deliberately out of her ranks is the granddaughter of the Emperor of Austria, and curiously enough, her own mother, the Archduchess Sophie, set her the example by wedded Count Lonyay. To find an English equivalent we have to go back to the days of George III., one, if not two, of whose daughters contracted private alliances with untitled gentlemen. The young officer who is said to have attracted the royal maiden, who has been rightly described as the prettiest and whitest of latter-day marriageable princesses, is credited with a glorious voice. Music is the one art in which royal personages may count themselves supreme; from earliest childhood the taste for music is cultivated in a Royal child, and the greatest musicians are always proud to give lessons to baby royalties. The father of the princess with whom indiscreet rumor is now being busy, gave up the whole of his spare time to the science of sound; he was a fine violinist, born conductor, and a generous friend to many a great and humble musician; and his daughters were taught to sing and play the piano almost as soon as they could speak. At the present moment the most musical and reigning sovereigns is the Grand Duke of Hesse; he has built himself at Darmstadt the most perfect music room in Europe, and there he spends long hours at the piano; and not long ago, when he was being painted by the great Austrian portrait painter Laszlo, His Royal Highness chose to be immortalized sitting at his favorite instrument, with his hands straying over the keys.—M.A.P.

Ambassador Bryce is popularly supposed to be possessed of a rather taciturn disposition, quite "dour," indeed, to use a very expressive term in the vocabulary of his countrymen. It is necessary to keep this prominently in mind in order to get full enjoyment from the perusal of the following special dispatch which we find in the Montreal Star:

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—Right Hon. James Bryce, British ambassador to Washington, and the most distinguished speaker before this year's meeting of the Conference for Education in the South, is about the only man in Memphis to-day who is not "it." The prettiest girls of Memphis tried to play tag with the ambassador upon his arrival yesterday, but he passed them by ignorant of their benevolent purpose, and no one was so familiar with the distinguished diplomat as to explain to him his mistake.

Yesterday was "tag day" in this city, and everybody was made "it" by King's Daughters, who were given the keys of the city and allowed to tag any and every one who would submit to have a paper badge pinned on his coat by a smiling Tennessee beauty. When you were made "it" you had to pay anything from a penny to as large a note as you carried. No change was returned. The collections go towards maintaining the King's Daughters' charity, the Tennessee Home for Incurables. As Ambassador Bryce stepped into an automobile a rosy-cheeked young woman stepped up and asked, "May I tag you?" Bryce looked at her in blank astonishment, and passed on as though he had not heard what she said.

Mr. Bryce spoke last night on "Popular Education and National Efficiency."

Count Tolstoi, though he may fail to convert people to his way of thinking on the larger subjects engaging the attention of mankind, never wants for an audience. The noted social reformer has recently given utterance to some views on the greatest of all problems which are bound to attract universal attention. A Paris correspondent writes:

"I shall be happy, and that I shall enter a world more real," Count Tolstoi thus sums up his anticipation of death in reply to a friend who congratulated him upon his approaching 80th birthday. All earthly life, he says, is a dream and death the true awakening. He awaits that awakening with happiness.

Elaborating on this idea, he says: "Our earthly life is one of dreams of another and more real life, and that other life is a dream of yet another, and so on ad infinitum even to the last life, the life of God."

Of death at different ages and under different circumstances, he says:

"Death in youth is as when a man is awakened before he has slept full measure. Death in the old age is as when a man wakes of his own accord of a good sleep. Suicide is a nightmare, which a man banishes by remembering that he is asleep. He makes an effort and wakes."

Lever's Y-Z (Wise Head) Disinfectant Soap Powder is better than other powders, as it is both soap and disinfectant. 25

London Standard.—Mr. Lloyd-George and Mr. Winston Churchill, who for the present are posing as extreme men, have been advanced to high positions, and amongst the Prime Minister's minor nominees we find Mr. Masterman and Mr. McIlroy Wood—one a Christian Socialist and the other a Radical Socialist. So far as men are concerned there has been no sign that Mr. Asquith has begun to reconstitute the Liberal party on a moderate basis, while in regard to measures he is resolved to persevere with the programme drawn up by Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman. Clearly, then, if the country was sick of the late government it has no justification for rallying to the new one. If there is to be a return to the saner methods of historical Liberalism the signal has been delayed, and meantime the best way in which the country can stimulate the good resolutions with which Mr. Asquith in some quarters has been credited is to carry on the electoral lessons that are supposed to have brought about this reformation. This would strengthen his hand in dealing with the advanced Radicals. We are ready to believe that the most advanced of his colleagues are chiefly anxious to keep their places and avoid the risk of a precipitated dissolution. Their idea of their duty to their country consists in prolonging their term of service. They will therefore be prepared to listen to counsels of moderation when they are convinced that extravagance does not pay.

London Morning Post.—Judging by the utterances reported this morning, Mr. Churchill is not likely to find the fiscal waters plain sailing, even in Manchester. Each of his three queries put with the object of showing that tariff reformers have been discredited in their arguments by recent events, may easily be turned to account by his opponents. If experts from this country have triumphantly surmounted foreign tariffs, what becomes of the Liberal contention that the colonial "tariff walls" which are only half the height of the foreign, are insurmountable obstacles? Again, his challenge to show any industry dislocated by foreign dumping calls attention to the case of the hop growers, which was brought up in Parliament yesterday. Will the new President of the Board of Trade sit with his hands folded while the labor employed in this industry is being diverted to the workhouse? Will he ignore the persistent evidence of the witnesses coming before the Committee now sitting, one after another, urging that an import duty should be imposed, or what is his alternative policy? As for the condition of the revenue, which was the subject of his third challenge, the question is not whether the Budget shows a surplus or deficit, but whether the vital national services have been maintained in sufficient strength and efficiency. To that question there is only one answer, and for a remedy there is none except a fiscal policy which would not only augment the revenue but would secure the future of the nation by reopening the door to Imperial union.

London Daily Chronicle.—The idea of an educational concordat has made a good deal of way since we profounded it some weeks ago. Men of light and leading in the different Churches are willing, and even desirous, to meet at such a round-table conference, but there is need of some one to bring them together, and need also of an assurance that the conference would be meant for business. Why, then, should not Mr. Fincham take the initiative and convene an informal conference to meet at the Board of Education? Recent discussions have tended to bring the different parties good deal nearer together. If the problems were approached in a businesslike manner with a desire on all sides to find a basis of settlement we believe that none of the outstanding difficulties would prove insuperable. Of course, even so, there might be extreemists on each wing dissatisfied, and perhaps politicians who for party purposes would endeavor to defeat a settlement. But if proposals for such settlement came before Parliament with the moral authority which a successful round-table conference would give to them, no wreckers would, we are sure, have the power to prevail against it.

London Daily Telegraph.—Proceedings in Parliament yesterday were exceedingly brief, for the House of Commons only met to adjourn for the Easter recess. The Licensing Bill we are now informed, is to be taken immediately the House resumes. As Mr. Long pointed out, it is not usual for members to be plunged immediately into highly controversial business, but the Government have just lost ten days owing to abnormal interruption of the session due to no fault of their own. There will be no reluctance on the part of the Opposition to join issue with the Government at any time on the second reading of the Licensing Bill.

Judged simply from a party standpoint there is reason to welcome the bold front the new Prime Minister and his colleagues have assumed in defence of the Bill. Mr. Churchill, in his election address at Manchester, says that he comes forward to defend the Licensing Bill in its "integrity," and declared that all social reform, all commercial efficiency, rest on its success. The plain case of those who oppose it without qualification and without phrase is that it is not a temperance measure at all, but a vindictive blow at a particular trade, and that it is based on injustice from the first clause to the last. The trade is defending itself because it is ruthlessly attacked. There is no claim on the part of the opponents of the Bill to override public interests. Their contention is that the general public interest is directly menaced by this confiscatory measure, which has only a relatively small but implacable minority at its back. The Licensing Bill will provide abundant material for a vigorous three days' debate. The Budget will be taken as soon after the first week as possible—that is to say, early in May—unless the old-age pensions proposals are to be dropped, which would almost certainly lead to open and bitter revolt on the Labor benches. The Budget will be of exceptional importance this year, and will require much more time than usual. It will be the first occasion for old-age pensions as a practical proposition to come before the House, and, considering the liabilities to which the State will be asked to commit itself, it is very necessary that the start be made on right lines if it be made at all.

London Daily News.—We have reason to believe that Sir A. MacDonnell has sent in his resignation as Permanent Under Secretary for Ireland. The reason given for this course is that Sir Antony sees that there is no possibility of a scheme of devolution being again proposed in the present Parlia-



# Jaeger Golfers to Clear at Half Their Regular Prices on Sale This Morning

This is price-surgery with a vengeance because these goods are saleable all the year round—the one garment absolutely indispensable to the woman of Vancouver Island. Everyone knows that the name "Jaeger" illustrates the highest class of these goods; the sale this morning represents figures that make them cheaper than anything else on the market.

Ladies' Golfer, Norfolk style, regular \$6.00 for	\$3.00
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Ladies' Golfer, Eton style, regular \$5.75 for	\$2.90
Ladies' Golfer, Norfolk design, regular \$6.25 for	\$3.15
Ladies' Golfer, Eton style, regular \$7.25 for	\$3.65
Ladies' Golfer, Eton style, regular \$8.00 for	\$4.00

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**A CHAPTER OF PROGRESS**

Advertising Pages of Magazines Show Changes in National Progress.

The advertising pages of a New York magazine for 1894, picked up at a street stall and compared with a current number of the same periodical, reveal interesting changes in national taste and inclination within a decade and a half. The altered character of the article advertised throws light on the growth of personal luxury and the adoption of invention to its demands. Eighteen hundred and forty-four was then in its heyday—the "silent stage" had "come to stay." Typewriters, cameras, corsets, delicate whistboards, sewing machines, bath tubs, "house beautiful" hints, plants, nursery foods and table relishes, shoes, collar buttons and various staple articles make their appeal to the purse. A few railroads advertise the advantages of travel. Feminine faces peer from soap "ads" and the rear seats of tandems, or over typewriters and chafing dishes.

The old familiar faces are still there, their charms heightened by the improved resources of illustration. But they look now from automobiles or from golf bunkers. Words then unknown to the national vocabulary attract the eye—limousine, tonneau, four-cycle engine. "Bridge" has come into its own. The phonograph claims space, as an office aid, a home enter-

tainer and a mechanical instructor in languages. Costly office furniture and patented appliances to make the routine of business a joy are exploited. The tale of the breakfast cereals is told in detail, oatmeal in its apotheosis. The delights of winter travel are extolled by railways and hotels. Motor boats, electrical household novelties, the golfer's paraphernalia and all the elaborate equipment which goes with modern sport have their place. Automatic piano players occupy the space once given to parlor organs. The advertisements of top coats and masculine haberdashery point to an increase of attention to fashion's dictates by men. The multiplication of sanitarians offering a retreat for the neurasthenic is a symptom to be noted.

An instructive chapter in national development is that furnished by these advertising pages. They illuminate a phase of the history of our own times of which the professional historian takes no note.—New York World.

**Circumstantial Evidence.**

"You say you met the defendant on a street car, and that he had been drinking and gambling," said the attorney for the defense during the cross-examination.

"Yes," replied the witness.

"Did you see him take a drink?"

"No."

"Did you see him gambling?"

"No."

"Then how do you know," demanded the attorney, "that the defendant had been drinking and gambling?"

"Well," explained the witness, "he gave the conductor a blue chip for his car fare and told him to keep the change."—Lippincott's Magazine.

**Served Him Right.**

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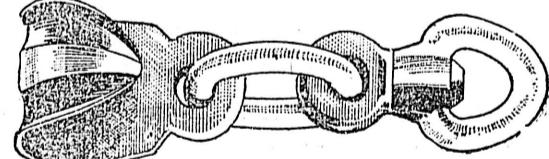
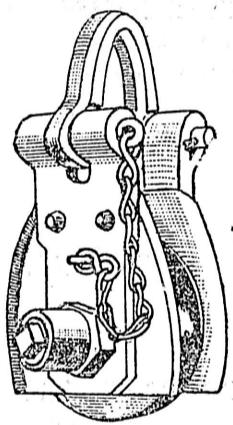
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**FOR MEN**—A genuine willow calf golf boot with studs on sole

A heavy grain calf Blucher Oxford.

**FOR WOMEN**—Boots and Oxfords.

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**VICTORIA DAILY COLONIST**

**FEW VACANT HOUSES  
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Real Estate Agents Tell of Victoria's Remarkable Growth in Population

"Have you got any houses to rent?" This query is made many times a day at practically every real estate office in Victoria by diligent, and oftentimes disappointed, searchers for homes.

When an agent is asked whether there are any rentable houses in the city, he replies in the affirmative. Almost invariably he continues for the purpose of qualifying the statement.

"Yes," he says, "there are houses but the demand has resulted in the raising of rents to a considerable extent. Thus it is difficult for us to satisfy all applicants. There is no denying the fact that good homes are at a premium."

Yesterday, in conversation, a prominent local real estate man explained the situation very clearly. He said that he received dozens of applications daily. He had a few houses on his list, at present vacant, but these he would have no trouble in filling. A few months ago it had been his custom to take the names and addresses of those who desired residences for reference in the event of obtaining some place suitable to the respective parties in the future. Recently he had abandoned that method. The list had swelled too rapidly and, anyway, he would have no trouble in keeping his houses occupied as long as the present condition prevailed, and, in his opinion, it would continue indefinitely.

Another interesting incident, befitting the rapidity with which Victoria is being populated, is told of the B.C. Land & Investment agency. Last year the manager of that concern made a note of the number of vacant houses on his books, and which he had little hope of renting, and found that there were ninety-seven. At present every one of these is tenanted.

And not the least remarkable feature of this congestion, in the opinion of the majority of those in the real estate business, is the fact that it exists despite the building activity in all residential sections of the city. They are a unit in predicting that the forthcoming twelve months will witness an unprecedented growth throughout Victoria.

**NEWS OF THE CITY**

**Boat Crew Practices**

No. 3 company, Fifth Regiment, which at last year's Victoria Day regatta won the six-oared whaler event in the service races, will this year be on hand when the event is rowed on May 25 next. Four practices have been arranged for and when the event is called the sergeants' mess crew will enter strong favorites. Lieut. Col. Hall, is showing a keen interest in the event and has offered prizes as has also Major Hibben.

**Officers Elected**

Officers were elected at Wednesday night's meeting of the Victoria Liberal association as follows: Hon. president, Hon. Wm. Templeman; president, A. B. McMcKinnon; vice president, A. B. McNeill; secretary, A. B. Fraser, Jr.; treasurer, James Robertson; executive, A. M. Atken, James Bell, Capt. J. G. Cox, George Glover, Col. F. B. Gregory, Dr. Lewis Hall, T. J. W. Hick, Frank Higgins, William Laird, J. T. McInroy, Alex. McNiven, James Tagg, John Taylor, Walter Walker and Alex. Wilson.

**Hatchery Flourishing.**

After a somewhat tedious trip from the headwaters of the Skeena, down which river they traveled by canoe for 75 miles, and a journey south to Victoria by the steamer Camosun, Thos. Whitwell, S. Whitwell, G. Kelly and J. B. Johnson, are in the city. The former reports that they have had a successful season at the Lukens hatchery. About 4,414,000 sockeye eggs have been placed in the hatchery while 4,285,000 young fry, in splendid condition, were liberated. Mr. Whitwell also states that 100,000 eyed eggs have been brought down to the Bon Accord hatchery, on the Fraser river. He says that the Skeena river is exceptionally low, and that there is an appreciable rise before the season is far advanced, the steamboats will have a difficult time navigating it this summer.

**Forms Branch of Mental College.**  
Professor M. F. Knox, founder of the Mental Science College at Seattle, arrived in the city yesterday. He will form an organization of the college here as has been done in many of the leading cities in the United States. He will deliver a series of five free lectures on medical science at the Y.M.C.A., commencing to-morrow evening at 8 o'clock, his subject being "How to Overcome Poverty." To-morrow afternoon at 4 o'clock Professor Goshaun, who is with Professor Knox, will give a demonstration of mind telepathy in front of the post office where, blindfolded, he will find a hidden key, open the letter box to which the key belongs, take from the box an unaddressed letter containing a slip on which is written the name of a local merchant, and return the slip to the person whose name is written thereon and correctly call out the name without seeing it.

**POLICE COURT RETURNS**

April Was a Busy Month for the Local Guardians of the Peace

A total of 179 cases were handled in the police court during the past month, of which seventy-three were individuals who were held for safe keeping, and two sent to the asylum. The patrol wagon was given eight-nine runs. The cases dealt with in the police court were divided as follows: Neglecting to provide for family, 1; city bylaws, 12; stealing, 5; vagrancy, 3; drunkards, 6; keeping bawdy house, 1; threatening language, 1; assault, 8; inmate of bawdy house, 1; provincial revenue tax, 1; carrying concealed weapons, 1; indecent exposure, 1; abortion, 2; possession of intoxicants by Indian, 1.

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**Decoration Day.**

Sunday, May 24th, has been selected by the local Aerie of Eagles for the holding of the annual decoration ceremony in connection with that organization. This was decided at a meeting held on Wednesday evening. Nine candidates were initiated and five applications received. Some discussion took place on the grand convention of the order, which will take place next August in Seattle, after which the meeting adjourned.

**TURBANS AND PERJURY**

Police Magistrate Narrowly Escapes Another Dose of Hindu Litigation

Magistrate Jay had a narrow escape yesterday from one of the internal Hindu cases in which turbans and perjury are the chief constituents. Santa Singh, the Sikh foreman at Leigh's mill, had summoned Mota Singh on a charge of assault, alleging that he had been attacked while suffering from an injured hand. Yesterday, to the relief of all concerned, he asked permission to withdraw the charge, which he was allowed to do on paying the costs of the court.

The case is apparently a reminiscence of a couple of cases which were ventilated in the police court some time ago. On the first occasion Buta Singh charged Santa with opening a letter addressed to him and abstracting therefrom a couple of promissory notes. It was represented to the court that the letter had been opened by mistake and leave was granted to withdraw the charge. Later Mota Singh was arrested on a charge of threatening to burn down Leigh's mill, a charge afterwards charged to one of vagrancy, which was dismissed.

Santa Singh gave evidence in the latter case, though with reluctance, telling his employers that he was afraid of Mota and Buta. Then came the alleged assault by Mota, which has, apparently, been settled out of court. Santa Singh appeared yesterday in full regiments, his full figure dressed in a spotless scarlet uniform, which did not look as if it had seen much service and accorded ill with a filthy turban. He paid the costs and stalked out of the court room with a dignified air, followed by his countrymen.

**THE WEATHER**

Meteorological office, Victoria, B.C., at 3 p.m. April 30, 1908:  
SYNOPISES.

A low barometer area from the Pacific is spreading inland over this province. It is likely to cause cooler weather. Abnormally high temperatures have prevailed throughout the Pacific slope from this to California and high southerly winds are blowing along the coast. Sharp frosts have occurred in Alberta and Saskatchewan.

**TEMPERATURE.**

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific Time) Friday and vicinity: Winds chiefly westerly, southerly, partly cloudy and cooler with showers tonight or on Saturday.

Lower Mainland: Mostly cloudy and cooler with showers tonight or on Saturday.

THURSDAY.

Highest ..... 73  
Lowest ..... 60  
Mean ..... 60  
Sunshine, 4 hours, 24 minutes.

APRIL, 1908.

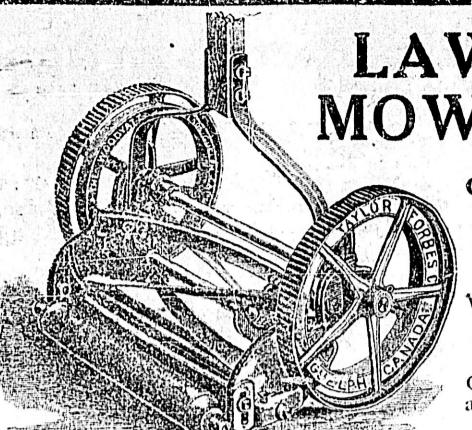
Highest temperature ..... 73.2  
Mean temperature ..... 32.9  
Total precipitation for the month ..... 63.1  
inch; average amount, 1.52 inches. Bright sunshine, 165 hours, 48 minutes; mean daily proportion, 0.40. (Constant sunshine being 1.)

**TIDE TABLE**

Victoria, B.C., April, 1908.

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## ATTEMPTS SUICIDE BY CUTTING HIS THROAT

Dull Knife Only Thing Which  
Saved Walter M. Gossip's Life

It was a determined, but unsuccessful, attempt which Walter M. Gossip made yesterday afternoon shortly after 3 o'clock to end his own existence by cutting his throat with a pocket knife in a room of the bar at the Belmont saloon. That he failed in his attempt is due probably to the fact that the knife was too dull. He succeeded, however, in badly gashing his throat inflicting a wound on the right side from which the blood spurted in large quantities as he was being brought to the police station in the patrol wagon. A minor cut was also made on the left side of the throat. The man was taken to the Jubilee hospital where the wounds were treated by Dr. Frank Hall, who had been summoned by the police.

John Poin, who is a school teacher at Otter Point, and was formerly employed on the local teaching staff at the South Park school, has been in the city for the past month, having come here for the Easter holidays, but his holiday was prolonged into a more or less protracted drinking bout and he has been arrested and fined in the police court on two occasions on charges of drunkenness.

About noon yesterday, Gossip went to the Belmont saloon and in company with a friend named Sling remained in the rear room for two or three hours. He did not have anything to drink but his appearance indicated that he had been drinking heavily elsewhere and he was almost a physical wreck, and highly nervous and excited.

While the bartender, B. Griffiths, was standing near the rear door, Gossip walked out of the room, holding the knife in his hand, his neck and clothing drenched with blood and in a cool and matter-of-fact way held out the knife to Griffiths, at the same time remarking "This knife is too dull; I couldn't do it."

Griffiths, under the impression that Gossip was about to repeat his attempt at self destruction, sprang at him, while Sling ran outside in an effort to get the police. The patrol wagon was summoned and Gossip, his clothing soaked with blood, was taken to the police station where he was examined by Dr. Hall and later sent to the hospital where the wounds were attended to. Gossip managed to sever a small blood vessel in the throat, but his injuries are not considered serious.

At the police station, Gossip, when asked his reason for his attempt on his own life, talked in an erratic manner muttering something about shadows and being dogged by dreams. The man was evidently not in his right senses and the police were unable to get him to tell in any connected manner the reason for his suicidal attempt.

When Griffiths, the bartender, saw the condition of Gossip, he seized a towel and wrapped it about the latter's neck, stopping the flow of blood to a great extent, Gossip merely remarking "Tie it good and tight." On his way to the hospital he lost a great quantity of blood and was very weak when Doctor Hall attended him, but he is not seriously wounded and will, it is expected, be around in a day or two.

Since his arrival in the city, Gossip has been staying at the Strand hotel, Johnson street.

## NEW ATHLETIC CLUB GRANTED A PERMIT

Organization Outlined at the  
Meeting of the Police  
Commissioners

At a meeting of the police commissioners held yesterday afternoon a permit was granted for a boxing contest to be held under the auspices of the Provincial Athletic club between Kid Merrelle and Jim Brady. The matter was brought up by W. S. D. Smith, one of the promoters, who was present at the meeting in support of the application. The mayor remitted that there was no objection to hold a boxing contest properly conducted by responsible institutions like the James Bay Athletic Association or the Victoria West club, but he did not want any more fisticuffs like the recent Adams-Paris fight, which he thought was a fight rather than a boxing contest for points.

Mr. Smith stated that the papers for the Provincial Athletic club were in process of preparation by Frank Higgins, and that the club would very shortly be registered according to law. It was intended to register first under the Benevolent Societies act and afterwards under the Companies' act. The capital stock would be \$100,000 and many prominent business men had already agreed to subscribe. Mr. Smith added that the plans of the new venture included the erection of a three-story brick building which would contain a couple of halls, as well as club rooms and provisions of all kinds for indoor athletics. He said that the venture was a bona fide one, and the promoters would take care that none but legitimate affairs were undertaken.

Commissioner Mable was not present, but it was stated that he was in favor of granting the permit on the conditions outlined on the understanding that the proposed club was a permanent and responsible organization. The permit was granted on that basis.

The question of the appointment of a prosecutor in the police court was finally disposed of, the necessary appropriation having been made by the Council in the estimates. The appointment of Herbert W. R. Moore was confirmed and his duties defined by resolution. While the new official

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has been dubbed public prosecutor by the press and public, his official status is that of assistant to the chief of police, his duties consisting of conducting city prosecutions in the city police court under the instructions of the chief of police.

A discussion ensued in regard to complaints which had been made that certain restaurants were serving liquors at all hours of the night, and Commissioner Fraser pointed out that this was unfair to the saloons which were keeping strictly to the law in this respect. No action was taken pending advice from the city solicitor on the regulation of liquor selling generally.

### Moves to New Office.

The offices occupied for several years by E. E. Blackwood, local representative of the Northern Pacific, were vacated yesterday for the new quarters at 1231 Government street.

## BUILDING WAS ACTIVE DURING LAST MONTH

April Figures Show Large Increase  
Over Previous Months

The aggregate value of the buildings for which permits were issued by the Building Inspector during the month of April was \$128,600, this being the highest monthly total for the year to date. The March figures were \$110,300, February \$93,315 and January \$54,725. The majority of the buildings for which permits were issued were dwellings, though the month's total was swelled by the permits for the repairs to the Mahon block, to cost \$19,000, and that the Chinese Girl's Rescue home to cost \$13,000.

The increase in the building figures shows the steady growth of the city and it is a notable fact that a great part of the building done is not recorded by the building inspector as it is outside the city limits, though it is being really added to the city.

Building operations are always active in April and May and it is expected that the present month will show a still greater increase in the number and value of the buildings to be erected.

Yesterday permits were issued to H. Stuethagen for a dwelling on Yates street to cost \$1,300; to Mrs. M. Burton for a dwelling on Prior street, to cost \$1,000; to C. E. Plaxton for a dwelling to be erected on Sunnys street to cost \$1,500, and to Thornton Felt for additions to a dwelling on Fort street to cost \$250.

## LOSCHIAVO CASE IS BROUGHT UP IN COURT

Counsel for Government of  
New South Wales is Chafing at Delay

The Loschavo case, which has been quietest for the past two months, broke out again yesterday. Antonio Loschavo was arrested last winter in response to a cable request from New South Wales on the charge of having deserted his wife and child. He claims that his wife deserted him and has since refused to reform him. There is a divorce action pending between the two and the affair is complicated by the fact that the New South Wales court ordered the two girls to be placed in a convent pending the trial, whereupon Loschavo kidnapped them and brought them over here.

An attempt is being made to extradite him under the Fugitive offenders Act, and upon the completion of the case for the prosecution, J. A. Alkman for the defense applied for the release of the prisoner. The magistrate refused the motion, and an appeal was taken before Mr. Justice Irving, where Mr. Alkman was again unsuccessful, and a second appeal is now pending before the full court.

In the meantime Mr. Alkman has sent to Australia for evidence, and yesterday Wm. C. Moresby, who is acting for the New South Wales government, opposed any further adjournment of the case when the usual weekly remand was asked for. He thought that counsel ought to show the court that a bona fide attempt to get evidence was being made. He wanted Mr. Alkman to cable Australia. The latter objected on the score of expense and pointed out that the prosecution had delayed the matter for two months while getting their own evidence and waiting for detective Ashton to arrive with the warrant.

Eventually his honor agreed to grant weekly remands until the next Australian mail arrives. If the evidence does not arrive by then, counsel for the defense will have to cable in order to show that active steps are really being taken in Australia. In the meantime Loschavo is out on \$2,000 cash bail.

### RADIATOR THIEF JAILED

William George Eden, Senior, Tells an Ingenious Story to the Magistrate

William George Eden, senior, got a month in jail yesterday for annexing the radiators belonging to the Mahon block. He told an unsympathetic magistrate a wonderful tale. He said he was in Aaronson's second-hand store when some one called up. As there was no one in the store he answered the phone. The man at the other end, according to Eden, said that there was some worthless iron in the Mahon building which needed to be taken away. Accordingly he got an express wagon and got 41.15 pounds of broken radiators which he sold to Aaronson for \$6.70, saying he got them in the ordinary way of business. As Eden is, by the way, a junk dealer, Aaronson had no suspicion.

The reeve was instructed to appoint a committee to meet the joint committees of Saanich and Victoria to discuss the advisability of having a public abattoir.

The building by-law was received from the collector and referred to the engineer to report. Much routine business was dealt with and a number of accounts referred to various committees.

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## BEAUTY OF VICTORIA

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John Willy Speaks Appreciatively of the Climate and Attractions Here

The beauty of Victoria and its surroundings, its fine hotel and invigorating climate were John Willy's constant theme yesterday while conversing with a Colonist reporter at the Dominion hotel. Mr. Willy is the proprietor and publisher of the Hotel Monthly, a journal devoted to the technical side of hotel keeping which prides itself on always chronicling the most up-to-date improvements in hotel management and construction. His business keeps him constantly on the move, with the result that there is probably not a man in the country better qualified to judge of such matters. Consequently his praise of the new big hotel is discriminating.

"I was amazed to find such an hotel as the Empress in a city of 35,000 people," said Mr. Willy. "I never saw anything finer anywhere than the lobby and office, while the dining room is superb. When eating my breakfast there this morning I could not take my eyes off the Australian rosewood paneling and the woodwork generally. The charges too are moderate. When travelling I always eat the same breakfast for purposes of comparison, and my meal was ten to thirty-five cents cheaper than at any of the first-class hotels in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland or Seattle. I have just made a trip up the Pacific coast from California and am now on my way home to Chicago. The attendance was as good as the meal and the surroundings. There was just that air of quiet, unobtrusive service which one finds in first-class hotels in Europe, but which is so hard to get in the States.

"I was shown through the culinary, laundry and other departments of the hotel. Everything is absolutely up-to-date, and the management have every facility for handling the larger hotel which I understand is to be built later on when the trade warrants. I noted the foundations of the new wing already prepared." Mr. Willy hails originally from Somersetshire, although he has been twenty-six years in the States, which, perhaps, is one of the reasons why he was so delighted with Victoria.

"I drove round the city this morning, and it was just like a trip home," he remarked. "The English style of architecture, the trees, the hedges, the fruit trees in blossom all remind me of the old country. I felt as if I were making a trip home. I am so sorry that I have to leave tomorrow, but I shall certainly return in the near future. Apart from the beauty of the place, I have been much struck by the invigorating climate. It is a delight just to breathe the air. Surely people live forever in Victoria!"

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Mr. Willy leaves in the morning for Chicago over the main line of the C.P.R., but hopes to return for a more extended visit at an early date.

## OAK BAY COUNCIL TRANSACTS BUSINESS

Important Matters Dealt With at Meeting of Roads and Sewers Yesterday

The roads, sewers and bridges committee of the Oak Bay council met yesterday afternoon in the offices of the clerk on Langley street and much important business was transacted. The following members of the council were present: Reeve Oliver, Noble, Newton and McGregor.

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Sincerity, a deep, genuine, heartfelt sincerity, is a trait of true and noble manhood.—Dobay.

The great object of our life is not to seek our own pleasure, but to do our duty.—Dr. Arnot.

It is not only what we do, but also what we do not do which marks our character.—Mollere.

Nothing is useless to the man of sense; he turns everything to account.—La Fontaine.

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## In Woman's Realm

### HERE AND THERE

Are all politicians actuated by self-interest, and has patriotism completely died out among the class in Canada? Is "Statesman" a word for which there is no use in present day dictionaries? No mere woman would venture to answer these questions in the affirmative. We know, or think we know, men who are active in political life and we believe that they are working for what they see to be the good of the country. Yet the writer of the leading editorial in so influential and widely read a paper as the Montreal Star does not hesitate to speak of the rulers of our land in terms which honest men would bitterly resent. Speaking of the farmers of Canada the editor says:

"They know that the politicians will serve themselves first, and, usually the corporations second; and that no section of the community can expect consideration at their hands except insofar as it can and will exercise power at the polls. The old theory of public service has pretty well died out of public life."

There is in this article much more to the same effect. The worst of it is, that the writer does not advise the electors to put their trust in the place of those who have deceived them but to replace them with men whose own personal interests will keep them from betrayal."

The whole tone of this article is startling not to say shocking to those who have been brought up to believe in the integrity of public men. What hope is there for a country's future if those whom she distrusts with the management of her affairs are ready to sacrifice her interests to their private gain, or even to party exigencies? If this is the case the mothers and teachers of the present generation of Canadians have failed utterly. We have become already a people who no longer fear God and work righteousness.

The politicians of the country are not, as a rule, chosen from among the men who are of weaker moral fibre than the men who elect them. This is a matter for which women do well to take thought. It is far more important that we teach our sons to do what is right because it is right to love their country and to deem her services the highest honor that they learn how to become rich or powerful. While it is quite impossible to believe that all, or even the majority of men in public life in Canada today are selfish time-servers, ready to betray the interests of the country and of those who intrust them with power, there are not wanting signs that true patriots and far seeing statesmen are greatly needed among us.

The announcement of the death of the Rev. John Anderson, of Liverton, Bruce County, Ontario, at a great age recalls the great changes that have taken place in that part of Canada, since more than fifty years ago he began his ministry. The hardships and privations which the devoted servants of their master had to endure in the early days of settlement can scarcely be realized by their successors today.

In a country of excellent highroads and where one can scarcely find a district into which the sound of the locomotive whistle does not penetrate, it requires no little exercise of the imagination to realize that within the memory of men still living, long journeys could only be made on foot or on horseback through the blazed trails of dense forests.

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Another lady learned from the doctors of Emmanuel church that even if her husband was selfish and unkind there was much that she could do to make the world better and that her life was too valuable to spend it in mourning over what she could not help. As might have been expected the power of religious faith in curing nervous disorders is dwelt upon.

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The Dublin Castle season was brought to an early close this season by the death of Lady Aberdeen's mother. Lady Tweedmouth was a daughter of Sir James Hogg and a sister of the first Lord Magheramorne. She was at one time a prominent figure in society, and had a great reputation as an excellent hostess, both in town and country. The late Lord and Lady Tweedmouth entertained largely and brilliantly both at Brook House and at Guisachan, their place in Invernessshire. Lady Tweedmouth lived principally at Bath for about thirteen years after her husband's death. She interested herself actively in the local charities and in many charitable enterprises, and she was very busy, useful, and generous in the parish of Walcot. She was a clever woman, with a considerable talent for practical business affairs, and a staunch Evangelical.

The politicians of the country are not, as a rule, chosen from among the men who are of weaker moral fibre than the men who elect them. This is a matter for which women do well to take thought. It is far more important that we teach our sons to do what is right because it is right to love their country and to deem her services the highest honor that they learn how to become rich or powerful.

While it is quite impossible to believe that all, or even the majority of men in public life in Canada today are selfish time-servers, ready to betray the interests of the country and of those who intrust them with power, there are not wanting signs that true patriots and far seeing statesmen are greatly needed among us.

The woman of the middle west, being left a widow with a crippled husband to support, is making a living and saving money, too, by mending clothes.

She advertised to do this work and received many replies. One pleased customer brought another and so on, until her time was entirely taken up with the work and she was able to give some of it to others as needy as herself. One can usually find plenty of seamstress work, yet a woman to mend clothes is indeed a blessing to a community.

Women of late are much interested in wood carving, possibly because one of the European monarchies has lately adopted the art and it is quite a fad in foreign countries for both men and women to chisel pretty bits of woodwork for the home. With the regular carving tools and soft wood it is possible for women to design some very handsome articles. Now that the pyrography needles and colors can be added, we may expect some masterpieces in wood, perhaps clever imitations of Celtic or Norse designs.

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Lady Ruby Elliot's Wedding.

At the marriage of Lady Ruby Elliot and Viscount Errington in London last Saturday the bride's white satin gown was made in semi-Empire fashion, trimmed with pearls and embroidery. She wore her mother's Brussels lace veil over a wreath of orange blossoms. The two pages were in satin court suits and the smaller bridesmaids were in blue chiffon, over blue satin and Dutch lace caps. The five grown-up bridesmaids were gown in blue chiffon over blue silk with flounces fastened in front with large choux of mauve satin and white bands of silver tissue veiled in blue chiffon. Their picture hats were of blue tulle with Valenciennes lace surrounded with Louis XV. ribbon embroidery and trimmed with lace. Their bouquets were of matu and white lace. The bride's going away gown was of grey muslin, trimmed with oxidized silver embroidery, with vest and inner sleeves of lace, her blue Leghorn hat being trimmed with net and an albatross and sparrow. Her Majesty the Queen, who attended the wedding, was beautifully dressed in pansy-colored velvet, opening over a vest of cream-colored lace, with a little toque of pansy-colored lace, and shaded ostrich feathers at the side. Her Majesty also wore a white lace veil over a wreath of orange blossoms.

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## PRESIDENT BROWN REVIEWS FOOTBALL

Local Man Elected Chief Executive of V. I. F. A. at Annual Meeting

Probably one of the most interesting features of the annual meeting of the Victoria Island Football association which was held at Nanaimo was the exhaustive and concise review of this season's football in the league by President J. G. Brown, the president's remarks were cordially received as was particularly that portion of them which suggested several important amendments to the constitution which have this season appeared to disadvantage.

The placing of a local man in the person of C. G. Duncan of the J. B. A. at the head of the strong slate of officers elected was at once a compliment to Mr. Duncan's ability as an executive officer and also a suitable reward for the valuable services he has rendered the association. At the annual meeting of the association, held at Nanaimo, Mr. Duncan, president of the J. B. A., general commanding and could not have been bestowed on any one who could fill the bill better.

It was decided to purchase eleven \$10 medals for the members of the Nanaimo United football team who this year carried off the premier honors, while the intermediate champions, the Victoria West team, will receive \$5 medals and the Victoria North Ward Juniors, champions in their division, \$1 ones.

The following delegates were present: J. G. Brown, E. M. Whyte and V. K. Gray, Victoria; James Adam and R. Hindmarch, Ladysmith, and Charles Graham and William Graham, Nanaimo.

Handsome gold lockets will be given to President J. G. Brown and Secretary E. M. Whyte for their services during the past year. Votes of thanks were passed to the pres. of Victoria, Ladysmith and Nanaimo for their successful efforts to "boost" the game and also to the re-feeding executive of the association for its services during the past season.

The following officers were elected for the coming season: Hon. President—T. Graham, Nanaimo; Hon. First Vice President—J. G. Brown, Victoria; Hon. Second Vice President—A. Bryden, Ladysmith.

President—C. G. Duncan, Victoria; Vice President—J. Adam, Ladysmith; Secretary Treasurer—E. M. Whyte, Victoria.

The winners of the three island championships were officially declared as follows:

Senior champions—Nanaimo United; Intermediate champions—Victoria West.

Junior champions—North Ward, of Victoria.

The report of Secretary E. M. Whyte showed that the association had a most successful financial season:

Total receipts ..... \$1,076.00  
Total disbursements ..... 792.24

Balance on hand ..... \$ 283.76

President Brown's address to the delegates was as follows:

Victoria, B. C., April 29th, 1903. Gentlemen—At the annual meeting of this association last year, very reluctantly, at your urgent request, presented to the office, in view of the important developments that were expected to take place in football circles during the 1902-03 season. Very important developments have taken place, some of which you will doubtless have to deal with and which I will speak of later on.

One of these was the entry of teams from Nanaimo in the three grades, senior, intermediate and junior. A junior team was entered from Ladysmith for the first time, besides the senior and intermediate teams, Victoria United, with whom Ladysmith in former years have had some glorious battles, having disbanded and the Eggers having a new crew, necessitated Victoria organizing other teams and with commendable zeal, and to some people poor judgment, entered three teams in the senior grade. The J. B. A., unbeaten winners of the Victoria City League, Esquimalt United, a combination of military, naval, and civilians, and the Y. M. C. A. In the intermediate grade Victoria West, last year's champions, and the Y. M. C. A., entered, while the North Ward Juniors, champions of last year, were also entered. The entry of the teams from Nanaimo was heartily welcomed because of their well known prowess in Association football, and during my twenty years' connection with the game on Vancouver Island, many pleasant experiences and some of the hardest fights on the football fields were obtained at Nanaimo and Wellington long before Ladysmith was thought of. Our anticipations were

justified as the season progressed, and the interest that has been evoked in connection with association football on Vancouver Island, in the senior grade, was greater than on any previous season, and has exceeded our expectations in every way, culminating in the tie game and replay game at Victoria on the 11th and 15th instant between Ladysmith and Nanaimo. It cannot be said that the teams from Victoria contributed very much to this end, none of them managing to win a game against the teams from Ladysmith or Nanaimo. The people of Victoria have already been charged with being apathetic in connection with Association football, but it must be confessed that on the occasion of the tie game on the 11th that they redeemed themselves, for while there was a large contingent from Ladysmith and a considerable sprinkling from Nanaimo, the large majority of the 1,600 spectators was from Victoria and the same may be said of the 500 people who turned out on a midweek afternoon for the re-play. These two games were an object lesson to the people of Victoria, and will no doubt in time bear good fruit. Many people were present at the meeting who had never seen an Association football game before, and who expressed themselves as delighted. Unfortunately on both occasions the wind interfered considerably with the play, and coupled with the intense excitement under which the players labored did not conduce to a good exhibition of the game. The result you know, Nanaimo eventually winning the championship by 2 goals to nil. In the intermediate series, Victoria West, last year's champions, were easy winners, whereas in the junior series the North Ward, last year's champions and Nanaimo Juniors tied for first place, North Ward winning the deciding game by a good margin.

I have seen a good many of the schedule games this season and have come to the conclusion that the quality of play has improved considerably. Last year your delegates to the B. C. F. A. were compelled to fight against proposed amendments to the Constitution of that Association and the season just ended has justified our objection to the main proposals of the Vancouver and District Association that the competition should be run as a cup competition, and not as a league or home and home competition. In the latter the interest is kept up to the very last, while in a cup competition the very reverse is the case, and I would recommend that strong exception be taken to such amendments if proposed again.

But our own constitution develops weakness in connection with the transfer of players from other associations to ours, resulting in a good deal of bitterness and recrimination for a time, between the clubs concerned, this is a matter that will require to be adjusted.

At the time the discussions on this point took place at a meeting in Victoria, I threw out the suggestion that a conference of the Executive of the B. C. F. A., Vancouver & District, and our own be held for the purpose of drawing up a new constitution for the B. C. F. A., and the subsiding associations to also make new constitutions as not to conflict with the B. C. F. A. constitution. The sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, is in communication with indoor baseball teams of Vancouver, New Westminster, Seattle and Portland with a view of holding a tournament here in the near future. The clubs of the above cities have signified their willingness to participate in the tournament and all that requires to be done now is to arrange the dates. It is expected that these will be fixed in a day or two when the big sporting event will be assured.

The team of the sergeants' mess is hard at work training for the event and will be in fine fettle when the out of town vines arrive. On Monday evening the baseball team of the Fernwood club will meet the sergeants' mess aggregation at the drill hall when a fast game will be played.

Five Hundred Tournament

The return game in the 500 Military tournament begins played between teams of the sergeants' mess, Fifth Regiment, and the Fernwood club, will be played this evening in Fernwood Hall, Spring Ridge. Last Friday night the Fernwood club won, but the soldiers are determined that tonight's game shall be a win for the mess.

Squires Won a Fight

Dublin, April 30.—In a glove contest held here this afternoon Bill Squires, of Australia, knocked out Jim Roche, the former champion, in the fourth round. The purse was \$1,750 and there was a side bet of \$1,000.

Monkey Brand Soap contains "Eichen utesils, steel, iron and tinware, knives and forks, and all kinds of cutlery."

## BALL TEAM RAPIDLY ROUNDING INTO FORM

The Players Had Another Hard Practice Last Night and Look Good to Fans

The members of the local ball team had another fine practice at Oak Bay last evening. Although most of the team and a trifling score as result of Tuesday's workout they went at it with a will and with a few more practices the whole team will be working as smooth as silk, especially the infield. The fans are well pleased with the showing made.

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## LACROSSE GROUNDS TO BE READY SOON

Work to Start Today on New Grandstand, Fences and Grading Field

In sixteen days the new grounds that have been purchased by the Royal Victoria Athletic association, to be used essentially as a lacrosse field, will be in readiness for occupancy, the grand stand will be complete, the fences that will enclose the playing field will be constructed, and the ground itself will be smoothed and graded.

The contracts for the accomplishing of all of this work were let and the successful tenders were agreed upon by the provincial directors of the association at a special meeting held in the office of the president, Mr. Foster Macgurn yesterday.

The successful contractors for the building of the fences is the firm of James Leigh & Sons, while that for smoothing the grounds has been awarded to Laing and Hall, successors to J. F. Higgins. The contract for the building of the grandstand has been awarded to Henry S. Griffith. It is specially stipulated in the terms of the tenders that the work in all of these departments must be finished within a period of sixteen days, so that it is expected that the grounds will be already for lacrosse about the fifteenth of this month.

Today a large force of men will start at work on the grounds and the work will be rushed to completion as fast as is possible. Not even inclement weather will stop the contractors from getting the work finished on time. As President Foster Macgurn puts it, the grounds have "simply got to be finished," and nothing will stop the association from having them ready for practice some days before the big initial game between Vancouver and the locals in the senior league takes place.

The grand stand will be a most elaborate affair, not one of the best, but the best in the province, and will be provided with a Royal box for the Lieutenant governor, and boxes for the press, directors, timekeepers and officials. commodious dressing rooms will also be provided for the players and these will be fitted up with shower baths and other necessary accessories.

## INTERMEDIATE LACROSSE

Games May Be Arranged Between Vancouver and Locals for Victoria Day and July 1

A communication has been received by the Central Lacrosse club from Al. Larwill, of the Vancouver Athletic club on behalf of the junior team of the V. A. A., asking for a game here on Victoria day and a return match in Vancouver on July 1.

It is almost certain that this proposition will be accepted and all juniors who are desirous of playing in these games are requested to report for practice this evening at 6:20 p.m. at Oak Bay, and also Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, so that definite arrangements can be made.

## SHIFTED SCHEDULE

This Was the Method Employed by U. L. U. to Get Shamrocks Back

In order to placate the Shamrock Lacrosse club of Montreal, the National Lacrosse Union had to shift the schedule round. These games were switched:

Toronto to play at Shamrocks May 30, instead of June 20.

Nationals to play at Shamrocks on June 20.

Shamrocks to play at Nationals on August 1.

Montreal to play at Shamrocks on August 22, instead of September 26.

Tecumsehs to play at Shamrocks on August 29, instead of August 22.

President Thompson does not think a meeting of the Union is necessary to ratify the changes in dates, as they were all mutually agreed to by the clubs interested. So as to solve the difficulty, the Tecumsehs gave up an exhibition game with the Shamrocks, which was to be played at Toronto on May 30.

## BOXING EXHIBITION PROVIDED FINE SPORT

Wills and Connelly Battle to a Draw, While Bailey Gets Decision Over Ricketts

The sparring exhibition that was held last night under the auspices of the Victoria West Athletic club at their gymnasium in the west end of the city, provided some of the best entertainment that the fight fans have been treated to this season, and the big crowd that was present went away satisfied and pleased.

All of the arrangements for the evening passed off without a hitch, the only fault that could be found with the officials in charge was that perhaps the waits prior to the starting of the bouts was longer than necessary. This fact was probably more pronounced because it was the V. W. A. who had the affair in charge, and in the past their promptness in bringing the exhibitions on schedule time has come to be expected.

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## A VERY STRONG CONCERN

Alex. McDermott, of Victoria, Will Be Vice-President of New Corporation

The Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring company and its affiliated concern at Seattle, the Washington Stevedoring company, have acquired the interests of McCabe and Hamilton, the company which was their rival at north Pacific ports. For the purpose of effecting economies in loading and unloading of vessels in ports of British Columbia and Puget Sound, and making handling charges on Puget Sound and in British Columbia as low as in any port in the world, the interests of the three largest and oldest stevedoring concerns in the Northwest have been consolidated and a \$600,000 corporation has been incorporated for purposes of bringing about the ends sought by this arrangement. W. L. McCabe, principal stockholder and the guiding figure in the well known firm of McCabe and Hamilton, has sold his interests in the McCabe and Hamilton concern to the Washington Stevedoring company, and the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedoring company. For the purpose of carrying out this arrangement the International Investment company has been organized with capital stock of \$600,000, divided into \$15,000 preferred and \$450,000 common stock. The Washington Stevedoring company and the Victoria and Vancouver Stevedore company, have been owned largely by the same interests and this was one of the reasons that led to the new arrangement. The office and principal place of business of the International Investment company will be in Seattle. The directors of the new company are Frank Waterhouse, one of the best known shipping men in United States, J. S. Gibson, organizer of the Washington Stevedoring company, George H. Walker, one of the most prominent men in the Northwest, R. H. Buddy of Tacoma, and Alexander McDermott of Victoria. The officers of the concern are George H. Walker, president, J. S. Gibson, secretary and treasurer, and Alex. McDermott, vice-president. The work of the three concerns which have been consolidated, will go forward without radical changes.

The combination, which will affect Victoria, Vancouver, Chimalus, and other British Columbia ports, Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and the principal loading ports of the north Pacific coast, will be the strongest stevedoring concern on the Pacific coast.

The Washington Stevedoring company, with the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring company in affiliation, has been the greatest competitor of the McCabe & Hamilton concern. In Victoria the two firms have competed closely for the business offering, the McCabe & Hamilton company recently securing the contract for working the freight of the Blue Funnel liners previously handled by the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring company. This firm is managed in Victoria by Alex. McDermott, who is vice-president of the International Investment company, at Vancouver by Capt. F. W. Amesbury, and at Chimalus by W. Dockrill, Capt. J. G. Gibson, secretary of the new concern, was manager of the Washington Stevedoring company. Capt. Groves is the local manager of the McCabe & Hamilton firm.

## CHINESE ARRANGE LINE VIA TEHUANTAPEC

Eng. Hon. Tong Steamship Company and Wolvin Line to Run From Hongkong to Galveston

Following the news which came recently from Hongkong of the formation of a new national Chinese steamship company, advices brought by the Eng. Hon. Tong Steamship Co., will run a line of freight steamers between Hongkong and Salina Cruz and the Wolvin steamship line will operate a connecting service from Galveston and other Gulf ports to Coatzacoalcos, the Atlantic terminal of the trans-Isthmian railway.

The Eng. Hon. Tong, with the China Merchant's Steamship company, has been operating steamers for some time between Hongkong and Salina Cruz, having British steam freighters under charter. The Wolvin line is operated by a Cleveland, Ohio, firm, and runs steamers from Galveston, Texas, to various ports.

The establishment of the connection by way of the Mexican Isthmus will have an effect upon the transportation of cotton to South China from the Southern States, a business now enjoyed to a great extent by the railroads and connecting lines via Puget Sound and San Francisco. Much of the cotton will now be hauled by way of Galveston and sent by the connecting

## SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE

**Special to the Colonist**  
Tatoosh, 8 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 20 miles an hour.  
Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind south, 12 miles an hour.  
Tatoosh, 6 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southwest, 8 miles an hour. In, City of Puebla, San Francisco for Victoria, at 2 p.m.; schooner Premier, from Bristol Bay for Seattle, at 1:50 p.m.; steamer Maverick, from San Francisco for Seattle at 3:20 p.m.

### By Wireless

Tatoosh, 9 a.m.—Cloudy, wind east, 10 miles an hour. Bar, 29.75, temp, 55. No shipping.

Pachena, 9 a.m.—Partly cloudy, sea moderate. Quadra anchored off here at 7:30 a.m.

Cape Lazo, 9 a.m.—Clear and calm, black hulled steamer passed south at 8 a.m.

Point Grey, 9 a.m.—Clear and calm. No shipping.

Tatoosh, noon—Cloudy, wind south, 12 miles an hour. Bar, 29.76, temp, 58. Passed in, oil steamer Catania at 11:45 a.m.

Pachena, noon—Partly cloudy, moderate southeast wind, calm sea. Small tug out at 8:45 a.m.

Cape Lazo, noon—Clear, wind southeast. No shipping.

Point Grey, noon—Clear, wind east. No shipping.

Tatoosh, 5:30 p.m.—Cloudy, wind southwest. Bar, 29.73, temp, 52. Passed in, schooner Premier at 1:50 p.m.; steamer City of Puebla at 2 p.m.; steamer Maverick at 3:20 p.m.

Quadra, 5:30 p.m.—Cloudy, moderate southeast wind. The steamer Quadra sailed for Bamfield at 4:45 p.m.; steamer with black funnel, light hull, probably Ascot, passed in at 4:45 p.m. Government launch passed up the coast at 4:50 p.m.

Cape Lazo, 5:30 p.m.—Clear, light southwest wind. No shipping.

Point Grey, 5:30 p.m.—Clear, westerly wind. No shipping.

### By Coast Wire

Carmanah, 9 a.m.—Fresh east wind, clear, sea smooth. Kaga Maru in at 11:45 p.m. yesterday.

Cape Beale, 9 a.m.—Southeast wind, clear, sea smooth. No shipping.

Cape Beale, noon—Clear, wind east, sea smooth. No shipping.

Carmanah, 6 p.m.—Calm and cloudy, sea smooth. Bar, 29.70. Steamer Ascot from Otaru for Comox in at 6 p.m.

Cape Beale, 6 p.m.—East wind, clear, sea smooth. Steamer Cascade went into Barkley sound at 2:30 p.m.; steamer Ascot passed east at 4:15 p.m.; gasoline schooner Sunburst out of Barkley sound at 6 p.m.; Dominion government steamer Quadra in Barkley sound at 6 p.m.

## NORTHLAND'S FUEL OIL WAS EXHAUSTED

New Oil Burner Reached Nanaimo Yesterday With Her Tanks Empty

A special despatch from Nanaimo, with the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring company in affiliation, has been the greatest competitor of the McCabe & Hamilton concern. In Victoria the two firms have competed closely for the business offering, the McCabe & Hamilton company recently securing the contract for working the freight of the Blue Funnel liners previously handled by the Victoria & Vancouver Stevedoring company. This firm is managed in Victoria by Alex. McDermott, who is vice-president of the International Investment company, at Vancouver by Capt. F. W. Amesbury, and at Chimalus by W. Dockrill, Capt. J. G. Gibson, secretary of the new concern, was manager of the Washington Stevedoring company. Capt. Groves is the local manager of the McCabe & Hamilton firm.

## WRECKERS UNABLE TO LOCATE MAINLANDER

Outfit Using Umbrella Harpoon Invention Abandons Attempt to Raise Sunken Vessel

After dragging in vain in Puget Sound for several days to locate the sunken ship Mainlander, the wrecking outfit from Blaine, which was to raise her with a new apparatus, have abandoned their maiden attempt, and went back to their home to raise more money for an attempt to save the Islander in Southeastern Alaska. The outfit started Friday, after having, as they supposed, located the wreck of the Mainlander off Alki Point in about 400 feet of water. The raising of the Mainlander was attempted to demonstrate the success of their invention, in the form of a harpoon with folded steel arms which, after being driven through the keel of a sunken ship, expand when the arms are released and are used to hoist the hull with scows and the tides until she is in shallow enough water to wreck her.

The wreckers did not have the Mainlander, as they had thought, and are believed to have struck a clay bank or possibly the sunken Dix. The theory of divers is that neither of these vessels is on the bottom, as they claim a wooden craft sinks only so far and then floats about far below the surface. Neither ship could be located by the wreckers to try their umbrella harpoon, and finally the attempt was abandoned. If sufficient funds can be raised to buy a diving bell for deep water work and back the expedition, the wreckers will try to save the Islander, sunken near Douglas Island, with considerable treasure aboard, some years ago.

The provincial authorities have issued regulations to govern the docking of vessels. These call for the boat to be six feet from the wharf and the shipping of rat guards. The penalty for not obeying the regulations is a fine not exceeding \$100, with or without costs or imprisonment, not exceeding six months with or without hard labor.

Negotiations were completed yesterday at Vancouver whereby the steamer Duncan becomes the property of the Port Haney Lumber company. The tug was owned by J. S. Emerson and used up north working in conjunction with his lumber camps. She was taken round to the Fraser and delivered to her new owners.

The gasoline launch Golden Rod, of Port Townsend, is anchored in James Bay with a party from the Key city iron works who are on a pleasure cruise.

## FIRECRACKERS BROUGHT BY THE KAGA MARU

Great Portion of Cargo of Japanese Liner Consisted of Fireworks

With 2,000 tons of her cargo of 5,000 tons composed of firecrackers for various United States cities, mostly for Chicago, intended for use in the celebration of the Fourth of July, the Japanese steamer Kaga Maru of the Nippon Yusen Kaihatsu line, Capt. G. S. Laprak, reached the outer wharf yesterday morning after an uneventful passage. The steamer brought 348 passengers, of whom 37 were in the saloon, eleven consisting of an official party of distinguished Japanese headed by Baron Sakatani, ex-minister of finance, who with many financiers and an old friend who heads the combination of Japanese breweries, is on a tour of the world, generally considered to be on a mission to secure another foreign loan for the government of Nippon. There were also Mr. Haynes, U. S. consul at Singapore, and Mrs. Haynes and daughter bound to Washington, J. E. Lockyer, a British merchant engaged in India, and Mrs. Lockyer, Heribert Prague, a missionary, G. Yuase, editor of a Japanese newspaper published at Los Angeles, returning from a visit to Japan. Lloyd Morgan, wife from the Philippines, bound to Massachusetts, Mrs. Campbell, R. E. McGrath, J. G. Bowes, A. C. Crebs, A. D. J. A. Dough, and several Japanese, mostly merchants. There were 12 second class, all Orientals.

On the arrival of the steamer the Japanese crew was sent for a local photographer and several group pictures were taken on the steamer. Arrangements were then made for a tally-ho ride and after luncheon the baron and 31 others left the steamer and drove through the principal streets of the city.

There were an unusual number of Japanese steerage passengers for Seattle. Until a short time ago the biggest proportion of Japanese steerage passengers debarked at this port. Yesterday morning 65 left the Kaga Maru here and 51 Chinese of whom 26 paid the head-tax of \$500 each, the government receiving \$12,500 in taxes from the arrivals.

The cargo landed at the outer wharf consisted of about 600 tons of general freight, mostly of Chinese and Japanese provisions. The provisions, soy, miso, etc., totalled 1,789 packages, tubs, etc., rice and beans, 9,939 bags, Chinese provisions, 433 packages, curious and porcelain, 457 packages.

Matting and firecrackers were the biggest shipments of the cargo for Seattle and points beyond. There were 15,377 cases of firecrackers, mostly shipped by a German firm in the far east, consigned to Chicago, Boston, Cincinnati, and other big cities, so that the Chinese-made firecrackers carried by a Japanese steamer and sold by a German firm may be used to celebrate an American holiday. There were 18,714 rolls of matting, 2,273 packages of miso, soy, sake and similar provisions, 634 cases of cellos and porcelain, 1,472 bamboo poles, 6,655 packages of rice and beans, 1,668 bags of peanuts, 476 packages of Chinese provisions, and 232 bales of raw silk and silk goods.

There was a marked falling off in the amount of shipments of Chinese goods, and those brought were mostly shown in the manifest as the shipments of foreign firms in China, the boycott against Japanese steamers affecting the steamer severely.

After discharging her local freight the steamer left early this morning for Seattle.

## WILL ADD STEAMER TO NEW ZEALAND LINE

Mrs. Richard A. Alley Goes to Ottawa and England to Make Arrangements

A new steamer is to be secured for the Canadian-New Zealand line in which the steamers Indravali and Den of Ruthven, chartered from two British shipping companies are now operated by the Alley Company, which has the mail subsidy from the Dominion government for the service. As was stated yesterday, Mrs. Richard A. Alley, widow of the deceased manager, has taken over the business run by her late husband. She left Seattle yesterday morning for Ottawa and New York and before leaving said: "My decision to continue the operation of the steamship line to New Zealand was not one of impulse, for I have always been more or less familiar with the affairs of the company and of late have been consulted regarding all matters of importance. I am planning not only to have the service maintained but also to improve it when such a move is warranted. I shall go to Europe from New York in the near future and expect there to arrange for a new steamer which will later be put on the run, thus giving a better schedule. The present contract with the government has eighteen months to run and there is no question of its renewal at the expiration of that time. I probably shall wait until the new contract is made before putting the new ship in service, but the arrangements for its construction abroad will be made in the near future. I shall be abroad some months, but my agents at Vancouver and in the Antipodes will continue to look after the routine affairs of the company. I shall keep in close touch with the details of the business and will carry it along on the way to Halifax."

## CANADA SEEKS TRADE

Interesting Comment of Hongkong Paper on Change of C. P. R. Headquarters to Yokohama

Some members of the office staff of the C.P.R. Steamship Company have been transferred from Hongkong to Yokohama in consequence of the arrangement whereby W. T. Payne is to be general manager of the trans-Pacific line with headquarters at Yokohama. The Empress of India took E. Mast, assistant to D. W. Cradock, who remains as agent at Hongkong, to Yokohama. The South China Morning Post referring to the change says: "The change that has been made is partly the outcome of the immense development of the company's business, and the contemplated increases to be shortly made in the company's fleet. While Hongkong would no doubt have preferred the headquarters to be here (the Hongkong office having hitherto been regarded as the head office this side of the Pacific), its importance as the western terminus of the line is in no way diminished, and stands to be greatly enhanced in the not distant future. Canada is demanding a hearing in the Far Eastern markets. Her resources are unlimited; her products unsurpassed and it is hoped that the greater facilities predicted will, apart altogether from the question of a fast mail service, not overlook fullest requirements of all those who are striving to be in the field."

of hardwood ties on board from Otaru in North Japan for Guaymas, Mexico, passed Carmanah at 6 p.m. last night bound to Comox for bunker coal. The Ascot, which has been here several times, once bringing a cargo of sugar from Java, will call at William Head and proceed thence direct to the loading port. She is in command of Capt. Cox, who has many friends here. The Ascot left Otaru on April 12.

The new sternwheel Port Simpson reached Port Essington on Tuesday from Victoria. She leaves to-day on her first trip up the Skeena.

## SKEENA RIVER IS LOWER THAN USUAL

Steamer Hazelton Struck of Riffle When Bound to Copper River Camp

The steamer Hazelton, the first steamer to tackle the Skeena this season, left Port Essington a week ago last Monday with fifty passengers and thirty-five tons of freight for Foley, Welch & Stewart, Copper river, report officers of the steamer Camosun which reached port last night from the north. She made fair progress until she reached a bad bar thirty-five miles upstream, where the steamer Northwest broke her back and sank last September. There was hardly two feet of water on this riffle, and she could go no further, so tied up, to wait until the river raises at least twelve inches higher.

At this point the Skeena divides itself into five channels, and the Northwest bar, or riffle, is considered the worst one on the lower river. When the Hazelton succeeds in working over this, she will have no difficulty in reaching Copper river, but as there are no indications of the weather turning warmer in the interior, she may have to remain there for some time.

A Hazelton dispatch reports the Skeena river lower this spring than it has ever been known before, little better than a good big creek, and fully four feet below steamboat level.

## WELL PAID FOR SALVING MOUNT TEMPLE

Salvors Get \$135,000 for Taking C. P. R. Liner from Ironbound Island to Halifax

The Halifax Salvage association, which salved the wrecked steamer Mount Temple of the C. P. R. Atlantic fleet from ironbound island after she had been on the rocks for three months and took her to Halifax dock get \$135,000 salvage, this being half the estimated value of the ship after cost of repairs, which it is said may amount to \$70,000. It is understood that the cost of floating the ship, owing to repeated disappointments, amounted to about \$40,000. When stranded the ship was valued at about \$400,000. The Salvage association comprises Messrs. S. N. Brookfield, Bazley Bros. and George S. Campbell.

The Halifax Chronicle writing of the arrival of the salved steamer at the Halifax dock, says:

Fourteen pumps with a capacity of hundreds of tons of water per hour were operated in conjunction with the air compressors in floating the ship, the whole wrecking outfit utilized by the Halifax Salvage association, being the most formidable ever assembled in Canada. Mr. Weatherspoon of New York, who was associated with the compressed air operations management, proved the right man in the right place and the success in floating the ship adds not a little to his already strong reputation in salvage circles.

Mr. Boyt, of Philadelphia, representing the underwriters, is in the city, and immediate proceedings with reference to repairs to the ship are now about up to him. Mr. Boyt came to Halifax three times since the salvaging operations began, each time expecting that she was going to be struck off, and the third time he struck it good. The ship is at present in the hands of the underwriters, whom Mr. Boyt represents, and the salvaging will be continued by them, at least to the present stage of their trade development.

Surely, it is most desirable, if not absolutely necessary, that flour exporters should have the use of regular steamship sailings, which they can hardly expect if they divide up their patronage with tramps, compelling the regular lines to operate at a loss, which most, if not all, of them are doing at the present time. It would seem very certain that the regular lines cannot continue furnishing the service they are giving at the present time unless they can depend upon the exclusive support of the flour and wheat exporters.

In this connection it must not be forgotten that the regular conference lines have during the past four years developed small package shipments to ports in North China and Northern Japan at the cost of prolonged detentions, and excessive expenses, and it is doubtful if these services were withdrawn whether regular shipments could be maintained to those ports, at least in the present stage of their trade development.

Owing to the unfavorable conditions in China and Japan, the lack of cargo east bound is even more pronounced than westbound, which adds to the seriousness of the situation, so far as the regular lines are concerned.

There will probably be some little increase in the volume of eastbound cargo as soon as the tea season commences, the latter part of May, but there is little likelihood of there being any improvement on the westbound berth before the latter part of September.

## MOVEMENT OF VESSELS

Stemmers to Minto From the Orient

Vessel From Date

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## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. W. J. Bowser is at present visiting in the Sound cities.

Miss Simpson of Saanichton was a visitor in the city yesterday.

J. Billings, of Sidney, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

W. Tillyard, of Saanichton, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Dunn, of this city, is visiting Vancouver.

Miss K. Roberts was a passenger to Goldstream yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hanly left this morning for Vancouver.

C. B. Sword, Inspector of fisheries, went to Vancouver yesterday morning.

A. McAfee has gone to Shawnigan lake on a short trip.

Fred T. Cromwell, of Portland, Ore., is registered at the Empress Hotel.

Mrs. Cullin of this city was a passenger as far as Shawnigan yesterday.

Mrs. Clifford Denham has returned from Seattle, where she spent a few days visiting friends.

G. A. Richardson was a passenger on the E. & N. yesterday as far as Shawnigan.

Mrs. and Miss Walker, of Saanichton, came into the city yesterday morning and will remain for a few days.

L. Morris, of Sidney, spent yesterday in this city. He returned home in the evening.

Mrs. (Dr.) Burgess was among the passengers by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday from Vancouver.

S. J. Pitts returned by the steamer Princess Royal yesterday from the mainland.

Miss C. Robertson, who has been staying at the Empress hotel, has returned to Duncan.

Mr. W. H. Hayward, M.P.P. from Victoria, is spending a few days in Victoria.

Mr. G. H. Thompson, of Cranbrook, has been a visitor during this week in the city.

Mrs. H. S. Cayley, barrister of Vancouver, is staying for a few days in Victoria.

Dr. and Mrs. Trilay Jones, of Port-Jaud, who have been visiting Victoria, have left for Vancouver.

Mrs. G. A. Richardson and daughter have gone to Shawnigan lake where they will make a month's stay.

Mrs. R. E. Davie left this morning on the Princess Royal for Vancouver.

Dr. Burgess, dentist, left this morning for Vancouver on a short business trip.

L. S. Eaton, provincial organizer of the Conservative association, was a passenger home last night by the steamer Princess Royal.

Rev. Christopher Burnett of the Central Baptist church returned from the mainland yesterday by the steamer Princess Royal.

W. D. Bell-Irving of Vancouver, who has been making a short business trip to the city, left this morning on the Princess Royal for his home.

A pleasant time is expected tonight in the A. O. U. W. hall when the local Socialists will hold a concert, supper and dance.

C. F. Betterton, of the Graham Lumber Company, and Mrs. Betterton arrived back from Vancouver on Wednesday night.

Miss Underhill left yesterday for Ladysmith, where she took part last night at a recital in the Presbyterian church there.

Mrs. Love and Miss Wallace leave by Friday morning's boat for Seattle, where they intend spending a few days.

Mr. H. J. Fuller, of Montreal, manager of the Canadian Fairbanks Co., who has been visiting Victoria, has left for Vancouver.

Frederic G. C. Wood, who has been an arts student at McGill University during the session just completed, arrived home on Monday evening to spend the vacation in this city.

An interesting engagement is just announced between Miss Dorothy Leeming, who has just returned from England, and Mr. Phil Austin, of this city.

Miss Dorothy Green is expected to arrive in Victoria on Thursday evening, and will stay with her sister, Mrs. Carew Gibson, until her wedding, which is to take place in June.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Pinch, accompanied by their daughter, Clara, have arrived in the city from Paisley, Ont., and will take up their residence here.

Fred Butler, a prominent musician of Seattle, where he is in charge of the singing in the Plymouth Congregational church, is a visitor in the city.

W. H. Barker, president of the B. C. Packers' Association, who spent yesterday in the city on business, returned to Vancouver this morning on the Princess Royal.

R. Marpole, superintendent of the E. & N. railway, who has been inspecting the lines of this railway for the past few days, left for Vancouver on the Princess Royal.

A mistake was made in not stating that the tea given in honor of Mrs. Howden, mother of Mrs. F. Jones, Rockland Avenue, was given by Mrs. (Dr.) Fraser, not Mrs. Jones, as previously stated.

William J. Stone and Arthur Hollings, two mining men who are interested in properties on the west coast, where they have been on a trip of In-

vestigation, left yesterday for Seattle on their return to Butte.

F. M. Eastwood, keeper of the Race Rocks lighthouse, and Charles Ball, left yesterday via the North Coast Limited for New York whence they will sail on the White Star liner Oceanic on a three months' trip to the Old Country.

B. C. Janion left yesterday by the North Coast Limited for New York and will sail on the Lusitania for England. Mrs. Janion accompanied him to Seattle and has gone to California where she will make an extended visit with friends.

R. Marpole, executive agent of the C.P.R. in British Columbia, and H. J. Cambie of the divisional engineer's department, who have been on a trip of inspection on the E. & N. railroad, left this morning on their return to Vancouver.

H. F. W. Behnson, M.P.P., who is touring the upper country, is expected back in the course of a few days. The popular representative of this city in the provincial legislature has been away longer than anticipated, and it is believed has been delayed owing to washouts and snow slides on the main line of the C. P. R.

Among the passengers on the Princess Royal this morning from Vancouver were Miss Hamilton, Miss McDonald, W. G. Breeze, J. H. Richdale, A. J. Baumermann, H. Lockwood, R. J. Watson, J. Mitchell, F. Armstrong, C. Brinchley, F. Charleson, R. Copeland, B. Leavins, W. E. Burns, R. T. Watson.

Mr. Oscar McMicking, manager of the Union bank of Winnipeg, has been staying in Victoria for a few days and declares himself charmed with the climate and scenery. He hopes to return again very shortly. Mr. McMicking left by Thursday morning's boat en route for Winnipeg. Mr. Oscar McMicking is nephew of Mr. R. B. McMicking of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pendray leave today on the Chippewa for an extended tour of the states and old country. They first go to Kansas City, where they will visit a brother of Mrs. Pendray's, and thence to Forsburg, where lives a sister and later other relatives in Virginia. On May 27 they will sail from New York for Liverpool en route to Mr. Pendray's old home in Cornwall. They will be absent in all about eight months.

A most enjoyable evening was spent at Mrs. Herbert Kent's residence last Monday. The occasion was the twenty-first birthday of her eldest son, Daryl Herbert. Several of Mr. Kent's young lady friends interested themselves and the affair took the form of a surprise party. Among those present were the Misses Blackwood, Miss Doris Clute, Miss Emily Eaton, Miss Noel Moresby, Misses Lugarin, Miss Sybil Allen, Miss Perry, the Misses McCurdy, Rocheford, Allen, G. Allen, Nash, Jephson, Walker, Brown, Fritz, Claton and Aubrey Kent.

Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden, I.S.O., King's Printer, left last night on an extended trip to the old country. He has obtained six months' leave of absence. It is something like sixty-four years since Col. Wolfenden left England to

come to British Columbia and since then he has never had an opportunity to return for even a short period to his old home. Consequently he looks forward to an exceedingly pleasant holiday. The other day the photograph of Lieut.-Col. Wolfenden was placed in the gallery of the legislative buildings reserved for the pictures of those who have done the province signal service.

Col. E. Leeson has returned after a brief business visit to Duncans. He states that business appears most promising throughout the Cowichan valley. The hotels are all doing well and the farmers anticipate a first class season. Col. Leeson says that the tourist travel has not reached its full summer volume yet but that there are quite a number of visiting disciples of Nimrod continually passing to and from Cowichan lake and the head waters of the river of the same name. He predicts a bright future for the district, asserting that new residents are constantly purchasing property there and that the majority are comparatively well-to-do.

The marriage took place at Christ Church Cathedral on Wednesday last, by the Rev. Canon Beanlands, of F. Walker Harris, second engineer of the steamship Charmer, and Miss Marion Hornsby, niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. Jensen, of Sydney, B.C. The wedding took place very quietly, none but relatives and intimate friends being present. The bride looked charming in white crepe de chene over taffeta, and carried a shower bouquet of roses, and was attended by two bridesmaids, Misses White and Elizabeth. The happy couple left on the afternoon train, and returning will take up their residence at 27 Sag Juan avenue, this city.

Robert Green, former chief commissioner of lands and works, is in the city. He arrived from Nelson a few days ago. Conditions in that city and the surrounding districts, he says, are improving. A few months ago business was noticeably slack, the financial depression having had a marked effect. Now, however, things in general were improving. New settlers were arriving daily and purchasing fruit farms of anywhere from ten acres in extent. They were taking up land which a few years ago it would have been thought absurd to attempt to bring under cultivation. Mr. Green thought that five years from now the fruit output of that district would be trebled.

The return match will be played at Oak Bay links between the ladies representing the Victoria Golf Club and the ladies representing the clubs of Seattle and Tacoma. On Monday the first match will be between the ladies of Victoria and Seattle, and on Tuesday the ladies will represent the Victoria Club are: Mrs. Langley, Mrs. Combe, Mrs. Burton, Miss Violet Pooley, Miss E. Tilton and Miss Reade. Unfortunately at the present time the greens at Oak Bay are not in particularly good condition, but the ladies representing Victoria are playing in good style, so that great results are expected from them.

On Wednesday afternoon, Mrs. Crotty and her daughter, Mrs. Love, were hostesses at a bridge party. There were six tables, and the players were: Mrs. King, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Luck, Mrs. T. Gore, Mrs. George Courtney, Mrs. Trebilcot.

A Town Without Taxes.

Orsen, in Sweden, has no taxes. During the last thirty years the authorities of this place have sold over one million pounds' worth of trees, and by means of judicious replanting have provided for a similar income every thirty or forty years. In consequence of this source of commercial wealth there are no taxes, and local railways and telephones are free, as are education and many other things.

Matson, Mrs. Piggott, Mrs. Hind, Mrs. Rissmiller, Mrs. Todd, Mrs. Spratt, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. Coles, Mrs. Brett, Mrs. C. Roberts, Mrs. Blackwood, Mrs. Ker, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Gaudin, Mrs. W. Core, Mrs. Berkley, Mrs. Kent, Mrs. Schwengen, Miss Withers. The decorations of the tea table were greatly admired, being very pretty and most original. The color scheme was carried out entirely in white and pale pink, the flowers all being most daintily arranged in brass vases, while the centerpiece was a handsome brass flower pot filled with pink and spring flowers. The tea was poured out by Miss Mary Lawson and the guests who came in to tea were Mrs. Cleland, Mrs. Griffith, Mrs. Beresford Hogg, Miss Mary Lawson, Miss Griffith, Miss A. Beanlands, Miss Wallace, Miss Blackwood and the Misses Conner.

The prizes for bridge were won, first by Mrs. Brett, handsome silver photograph frame, and second by Mrs. Gibb, a set of Japanese d'oyles.

## HOLLANDERS STILL FIGHT THE CHINESE

Century Old War Goes on Yet, According to Advices Received by Kaga Maru

## MUSIC AND DRAMA

Last Night's Concert.

The concert given in the Institute hall last evening by Signor Ceccotti, assisted by Miss Winifred Lugrin, Miss Sehi and Signor Claudio, with Miss Miles as accompanist, drew a large and appreciative audience and was in every way a complete success. A more extended notice will appear in the dramatic page on Sunday.

The District Leader

"The District Leader," the musical comedy with a melo-dramatic story, is to hold the stage at the Victoria theatre for two nights, beginning this evening. That it is to be well received has already been shown by the heavy demand for seats. The place is by Joseph E. Howard, who has recently given to the stage more big successes than any other contemporary. "The Land of Nod," "The Time, the Place and the Girl," and "The Umpire," are the work of this clever playwright. The bright particular star of "The District Leader" is Miss Ethel Dovey, whose clever work in "The Land of Nod" is well remembered. She has been supplied with an ideal part in this latest piece and has been given several songs that fit her childlike personality to a nicely. The chorus in "The District Leader" is said to be so attractive that the stage-door "Johnnies" are sure to be must in evidence. \*\*\*

## PRairie Crops

Present Reports Show Increased Acreage Sown and Seeding Well Advanced

Winnipeg, April 30.—Reports received this morning show that seeding is resumed throughout the country, after four or five days' interruption by rains and snow.

Particulars wired by the governor of Acheen, show that the band attacked the government buildings at the port, and sought to force their way in with axes, their object apparently being to get hold of firearms. They were beaten off and left four killed and four wounded.

This piece of daring arouses great uneasiness, and is taken as evidence of the contempt of the Achinese for their conquerors.

The Java Hode says that the country around Edi had been in a troubled state of late. The priests had foretold that 1908 would be a good year for the rebels, and that they would force the Dutch government to let Acheen go. Unfortunately, their forecast was borne out partially by some of the troops on the station being withdrawn. The visit of the governor-general to Acheen lay open to the same interpretation, and the priests pointed triumphantly to the sure fulfillment of their prophecies. The visit resulted in a partial reversal of policy which seems to be taken by the Achinese as a sign of weakness.

Reports from Southern Alberta indicate that fall wheat has come through the winter remarkably well. Similar experiments made in various parts of Saskatchewan look promising. The heavy precipitation of last week and checked the prairie fires, which have done more damage than since the early days of settlement.

Capt. Harbottle in Court

Toronto, April 30.—After five months wandering over the world with detectives at his heels, Capt. Colin C. Harbottle, former secretary of the Toronto club, and at one time one of society's favorites, appeared before Police Magistrate Denison today to answer to several charges of embezzlement. The principal charge is the embezzlement of \$14,595 from the club, but there are a number of other charges against him for smaller amounts. The abounding secretary did not either elect or plead, and was remanded.

## SETTLERS MOVING TO THE NECHACO COUNTRY

Provincial Surveyor Gray Will Prepare Way For the Immigrants

Settlers are moving towards the Nechaco valley in large numbers. According to reports that valley is being homesteaded rapidly, and will prove one of the richest agricultural sections of British Columbia's interior. Owing to the movement in that direction the provincial government is taking steps to have the crown lands of that locality all properly surveyed, necessary roads and trails constructed, and everything possible done to make it comparatively easy for the immigrants to establish new homes.

With this object in view J. H. Gray, who did splendid service for the government in the Bulkley valley, is expected to leave for the Nechaco in the near future. His departure has been delayed, it is explained, by the surveyor general, owing to the difficulty experienced in obtaining horses to pack the party's equipment. This being the case it is not improbable that Mr. Gray will have to wait until the spring season is well open before he leaves for the scene of his summer's labor, confident of being able to accomplish his work with facility.

From what can be gathered, the stampede to the Nechaco country has been started by W. P. Groesbeck, who is the British Columbia land agent for Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Montana, and whose headquarters are in Spokane, W. P. It is stated that Mr. Groesbeck has visited this part of the interior of the province, that he has obtained all available information of the possibilities of the land, and has been so favorably impressed that he has not hesitated to recommend it to the farmers of the States mentioned who wish to migrate to the Canadian side.

Already fifteen men, all experienced ranchers, have been taken to the Nechaco. These form the advance guard or a colony of two hundred. The latter will not move north, Mr. Groesbeck says, until they have reports from the small body who are in the country. The original locator of the land, however, is confident that the scheme will be carried through successfully because he feels sure that the soil, the general topographical conditions, the climate, and, in fact, everything will prove more than satisfactory to those who contemplate making their future homes within the borders of British Columbia.

Vancouver License Commissioners.

Toronto, April 30.—H. A. Edgett was today elected license commissioner in succession to the late Wm. Hunt,

Crushed in Toronto Tunnel

Toronto, April 30.—The roof of a portion of the waterworks tunnel being constructed in the bay collapsed today, and two men, Capt. McMahon and an unknown Bulgarian, were badly crushed. The accident took place at the island end of the tunnel and the men had to be carried across to the city side.

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 Burnside Road—Just outside city limits, one acre cleared and under cultivation—good building site. Terms if necessary. Price .....\$1,500  
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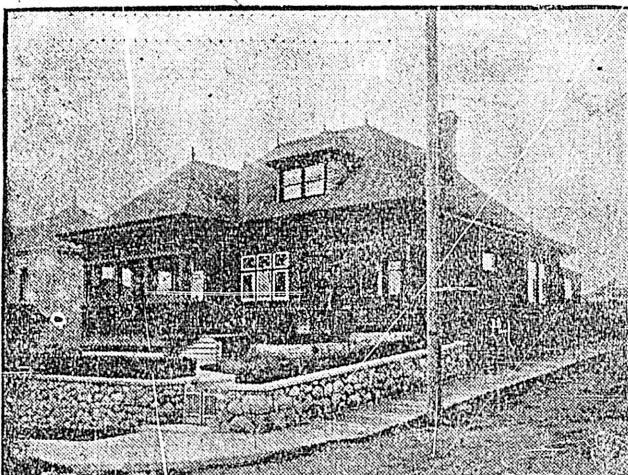
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# Mainland News

## YOUNG DELINQUENTS AND POLICE COURT

Vancouver Meeting Strongly  
Condemns Present Sys-  
tem of Treatment

Vancouver, April 30.—At the meeting on Tuesday night regarding the establishment of a children's court, a letter was received from Senator Scott in reply to the resolution in favor of the bill asking the government to pass an act respecting juvenile delinquents, in which it was stated that owing to opposition from influential quarters the bill had not yet been introduced, but it was to be hoped that the objections would be overcome. To facilitate its passage, hon. Mr. Belgrave, who has charge of the legislation, had promised that he would see that it reached the premier.

The committee that recently interviewed the chief of police reported that it had waited on him and had found that he was thoroughly in sympathy with the children's court movement and had shown the delegates through the city jail, and had also shown them the cells in the old city jail that had been prepared for children. The committee had also visited the mayor and he sympathized with the movement, but pleaded that the city funds were becoming very low and that he could not do anything at the present time. Mr. Wade, the spokesman, considered that money should not be considered when dealing with life and souls. The police commissioners meet tomorrow afternoon and he advised that a committee should be given authority to interview the commissioners on the question.

Two strong resolutions were passed, calling for the proper trial of youthful delinquents and for the provision of a separate place of detention for children apart from the city jail.

Mr. Wade forcibly backed his resolution in a strong speech and Mr. Leeson stated that he was horrified at the low character of criminals that were to be seen in the local jail. He commented on the terrible effect on children guilty of some pauper offence who were placed in such surroundings and he thought that it was high time that some action be taken to remedy the state of affairs.

Mrs. MacLean said that she had visited a Filipino boy in the jail, who was detained as a stowaway and had been detained there for three months. He pleaded with the authorities to be given a chance to do something, or to be sent to school, but his pleadings were of no avail.

Staff Captain Coller, of the Salvation Army, said that on visiting the jail he had recognized some of the

lowest Montreal criminals that used to frequent the docks there, and stated that the influence on children lodged in the jail was very degrading. C. J. South said that he thought that a place for delinquent children should be erected at once, the cells in the old city hall were only fit for lunatics to occupy. What was required in the city, Mr. South said, was a children's shelter right in the centre of the city, and he also thought that there should be a shelter for paupers of both sexes.

### Hurt by Fall From Car

New Westminster, April 30.—Duncan Rodman, an employee of the British Columbia Electric Railway, fell off one of the city cars at Albert crescent yesterday as the car rounded a curve. His face was badly cut and shoulder dislocated.

### Double Tracking

New Westminster, April 30.—The rails for double-tracking of the tram lines on Columbia street have arrived and the work will be commenced as soon as the proper street grades are given to the British Columbia Electric Railway officials.

### Died of Diphteria

New Westminster, April 30.—The death occurred in South Vancouver yesterday of the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Holt, of Park avenue from diphteria, and the interment took place in this city last night. A brother of the little girl died only a few days ago at St. Mary's hospital in this city.

### CRUSHED BY LOG

Logger at Pitt Lake Victim of His Own Mistake—Falls Between Log and Rock

New Westminster, April 30.—To have his life slowly crushed out between a huge log and a great rock was the fate of Louis Larsen, a Pitt Lake logger, yesterday.

Larsen was employed at one of E. J. Fader's camps, and was following the log as it was pulled by the engine to the water. It was one of the corners that he met with the accident that resulted in his death. He went between the log and the rock to let the line loose from the corner pulley when the great stick of timber rolled into the introduced in the camp.

The measure will cover the location of cabstands, declare the tariffs which may be charged and in general regulate the business in every way within the power of the city.

One point which will be included was strongly insisted upon by Chief Chamberlain to the effect that all cab-drivers must be licensed and that the registry of their license shall be in the possession of the police.

The victim was twenty-nine years of age, and leaves a young wife and a son in Norway. He has been in British Columbia for a year past.

## TWO MINERS CRUSHED UNDER TONS OF ROCK

Fall of Heavy Mass in Granby  
Mine Catches Them While  
at Work

Phoenix, April 30.—Two miners met a terrible death last Sunday afternoon, the result of a cave-in at the Granby company's mines. The victims, Christopher Martin, aged 45, and Kingsley Smith, a young Englishman, were working on the 700 foot level when the cave-in occurred. Tons and tons of ore rocks crashed down upon them without an instant's warning.

The men had just a short hour before gone on the shift, and it is said, were engaged in removing some remaining loose muck which had been buried down by the day shift, and in this attitude bent over their work.

The heavy mass of rock which became dislodged from above caught them, and they were completely buried. The mine officials were immediately notified, and assistance quickly summoned, but it was some little time before the tons of rock could be removed, and the crushed and bruised bodies recovered.

The bodies were removed to Binns' undertaking room, and Coroner Black, of Greenwood, will hold an inquest.

Martin leaves a widow only 16 years of age, for whom much sympathetic feeling has been expressed on account of her youth, rendering this sad trial of so much more consequence to her. Smith was unmarried, and is said to have a brother somewhere in the Canadian West.

### REGULATING HACKS

New Bylaw to Be Enacted by Vancouver Civic Authorities as Result of Conference

Vancouver, April 30.—A conference held yesterday afternoon between hackmen of the city and civic committee, composed of Ald. Cavanagh Calland, and Chief of Police Chamberlain. As a result a by-law regulating the cab business will shortly be introduced in the council.

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The question of the amended tariff evoked considerable discussion, and

ended in the preparation of a preliminary schedule of rates, based on both a time and distance footing.

In answer to the protest of the hackmen that the police were interfering with their business through preventing cabs standing on main streets while waiting for customers, it was agreed that on Granville street, Hastings street and Westminster avenue cabs should be allowed to stand for thirty minutes waiting for customers transacting business. After that time the drivers should proceed around the block.

### HEAVY BUILDING RECORD

Vancouver Permits For Past Month Show Largest Amount Up to Date

Vancouver, April 30.—All monthly records of the civic building department will be completely eclipsed for this month and there is a great possibility that the total will reach the million-and-a-half mark. The figure to noon today was \$1,340,711, and if several blocks of which intimations have already been given Building Inspector Jarrett can in tomorrow the larger figure will be reached, if not surpassed.

The previous high-water mark was established in July of last year, the figure then being \$1,030,445. The next highest figure was reached in November, 1905, when the total was \$882,270.

The large business of this morning was the result of the issuance of the permit for the Winch block at the corner of Howe and Hastings street, the amount being \$380,000. The National Construction company has secured the contract for the work and Ald. Cavanagh, president of the concern, will leave for New York next week to make arrangements for the supply of materials for the work.

### Will Address Canadian Club

Vancouver, April 30.—W. P. Archibald, Dominion government parole officer and an authority on the management of prisons, will be a visitor in Vancouver next week. He will address the Canadian club on May 5 on the subject of Modern Methods in Canadian Prisons.

### Will Rebuild

Vancouver, April 30.—The Vancouver Sash & Door factory has already secured a site from the C.P.R. for the erection of a new plant and plans for the building are now being prepared. The new location will not interfere with the proposed high-level bridge, being located some thirty feet east of the east line of the approach.

### Application for Divorce

Vancouver, April 30.—An action for divorce has been started by Ed Dupont against his wife, whom he married 19 years ago in Revelstoke. The couple have not been living together for sixteen years.

Mrs. Dupont is said to be in Vancouver at the present time. She is a daughter of Ed Corning, proprietor of the Climax hotel, Revelstoke. E. F. Appleby, a lawyer of Kamloops, is counsel for the petitioner for divorce. A summons alleging that he is a co-respondent was served a few days ago on W. A. Galliher, M.P. for Kootenay. It is stated that two other alleged co-respondents have likewise been served in Eastern Canada, but the case so far as it affects one of them at least

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will probably be dropped. It is said that Mrs. Dupont has been living much at Ottawa during the last few years.

Sandon Brewery Burned

Nelson, B. C., April 30.—At 3 o'clock this afternoon fire started in the New York brewery at Sandon. Within an hour the whole building and contents were demolished. The building was owned by Twogood and Bruder, of Sandon. The loss is estimated at \$15,000, insurance \$6,000. The origin of the fire is not stated.

### Opinion Refused.

Vancouver, April 30.—Mr. Justice Clement has written City Solicitor Cowan with reference to the request of the city council that he give a judgment of whether the charges preferred against the management of the waterworks department are of sufficient weight to demand an inquiry into the question. He states that, in his opinion, he has no right to give any judgment as to the general merit of the charges, especially in view of the fact that he has already been asked to later hear the evidence on the main point and present his findings on the points at issue. It is, he believes, the duty of the city council to consider whether the charges are worthy of further inquiry. If the council's decision is in the affirmative he will then make arrangements for a date at which the hearing will be held.

### PAPER TRUST INQUIRY

Representatives of Publishers Furnish Further Data—Threat From Chairman Mann

Washington, April 30.—A mass of data bearing on what he charged to be a combination of paper makers to raise prices and restrict products, was furnished today by John Norris, representing the American Newspaper Publishers' association, to the select committee of the house. Mr. Norris, with the exception of a short time, was on the stand all day.

During the time Mr. Norris was examined, Monroe Felix Angus, of the Baltimore American, testified regarding his various contracts with paper manufacturers, and said that on Jan. 10, last, he was forced by the International Paper company to pay \$12 a ton more for paper than he did last year. He related a conversation he had had today with the representative of the International Paper company in which he was told that if the tariff on paper was removed he would give a reduced rate.

At the close of the day's session, Chairman Mann stated that apparently some of the publishers were not as anxious to attend the hearing as they originally appeared to be, but he said that he would force their presence and secure their testimony.

The steamer Joan has resumed the Vancouver-Nanaimo run after a lay-off of three weeks during which she has been thoroughly overhauled at the Victoria Machinery depot. She has been painted and varnished and upholstered. A new stern has also been put in. Her skipper, Capt. Ritchie, also underwent an overhauling at Hileyton Hot Springs on the Arrowhead lakes.

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### Industry and Music

The exhibition buildings comprise a great industrial hall, a machinery hall, where during the time the show is open from May until the end of October the best bands obtainable in the country will perform.

### RAILWAY EARNINGS

Returns for First Week in April Considerably Behind Last Year

Railroad traffic for the first week of April is considerably behind the corresponding period of last year, total gross earnings of all United States roads reporting being \$5,731,594, a decrease of 14.0 per cent. Earnings of United States roads reporting for the first week of March were the same as for the first week of March for the previous year.

Gross Earnings. Per cent.  
Apl. 1 week ... \$5,731,594 \$91,278 14.0  
Mch. 1 week ... 5,752,883 664,209 10.4

February ... 42,676,088 8,120,645 16.0  
January ... 47,649,338 4,879,145 15.8

The early reports for March included in the classified statement printed below show gross earnings of \$4,676,088, a decrease of 16.0 per cent. compared with March last year. There is a loss on all classes of roads, which is very heavy on the Pacific systems, and in the Southwest and Eastern trunk lines. The statement is printed below.

Gross Earnings. Per cent.  
March ... 1,108 ... Loss. cont.  
Trunk Easter. \$5,310,640 \$1,182,628 16.7  
Trunk Westen. 5,120,015 691,610 11.9  
Central West. ... 5,073,588 773,788 13.2  
Southern ... 10,932,041 1,390,262 15.3  
Southwestern ... 8,109,331 1,656,710 17.0  
Pacific ... 8,070,468 1,825,636 18.3

U. S. Roads ... 44,576,088 \$8,120,645 16.0  
Mexican ... 5,374,009 724,000 11.9  
Canadian ... 2,919,006 252,591 8.7  
Total ... \$49,669,094 \$9,097,236 15.4

Dun's Review.

"Your son," said the professor, "has been laboring under a misapprehension." "What?" exclaimed the humble but honest parent, with joy in his voice. "You don't mean it?" "Mean what?" "That Joslar has been workin'." —Tilt.

# SEA & GOWEN'S GREAT SACRIFICE FIRE SALE



Come at Once if You Want to Secure These Gigantic Prizes—No Sham—No Pretense

Better Get Here Early and Reap the Rich Reward of Your Earliness

You'll find great Clothing goodness at very small cost because these goods are all practically undamaged by either fire, water or smoke, and they all represent the very best qualities and latest and most exclusive styles. The biggest, boldest Bargains ever offered on this Continent.

### Men's Suits, 25 Only

Fine Suits tailored in latest fashion from the highest grade imported cloths, sizes 35 and 36 in., regularly sold at \$18 to \$25

Fire Sale Prices Today and Tomorrow Only

\$5.00 and \$10.00

### Let Us Show Our Hand, Too, in Grand Glove Bargains

Dent's high class Walking and Driving Gloves, Fire Sale Prices, Per Pair ... \$1.00

MOTOR GLOVES, Formerly Priced at \$2.50 and \$3.50, Fire Sale Prices, ... \$1.50 and \$2.00

We can make limited pocketbooks enjoy the same benefits as fat wallets. Come and see! Seeing is believing, seeing is free! Our sensational Fire Sale Prices are bound to cure the worst case of blues; they are the best Spring Medicine we can prescribe for the Purse.

Enormous Reductions for Today and Saturday

\$3.00, \$2.50 and \$1.50 STRAW HATS FOR ..... 95¢

\$5.00, \$4.00 and \$3.00 CHRISTY HATS ..... \$2.00 and \$1

## THE GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO THE CITY

(Continued from Page 1.)

(4) Report by Arthur L. Adams, Dec. 23, 1907.  
 (5) Esquimalt Water Works Act, 1885.  
 (6) Esquimalt Water Works Act, amendment, 1892.  
 (7) Victoria City Water Works act, 1873.  
 (8) Victoria City Water Works act, amendment, 1892.  
 (9) Draft amendments (2) presented before the Private Bills committee, 1908.  
 (10) Report on Victoria water supply, October 28, 1872, by Thomas A. Bulley.

(11) Contract between the Esquimalt Water Works company and the B. C. Electric railway company, and correspondence between the two companies, 1898 and 1899.

(12) Statements of account and balance sheets of the Esquimalt Water Works company up to June 30, 1907.  
 (13) Statement prepared by the Esquimalt Water Works company and handed to the executive council, of capital invested to June 30, 1907.  
 (14) Report of trial before supreme court, Esquimalt Water Works company vs. the Victoria Power company, Dec. 14, 1905.

(15) Report of trial and appeal to the privy council, Esquimalt Water Works company vs. the City of Victoria, 1905.

(16) Judgment of privy council on same, July 31, 1907.

(17) Maps, plans and drawings in detail of all the works of the Esquimalt Water Works company.

The digesting and collating of all this material was in itself a considerable task.

I placed myself in communication with the city officials, and the officials of the Esquimalt Water Works company, and proceeded to make an examination of the ground. Every facility was afforded me by the Esquimalt Water Works company to make a thorough examination, and I had access to all records and documents in their possession.

### Sooke Lake.

After examining the plans and estimates prepared for the City for this source of supply I proceeded to the Lake and examined the route by which it was proposed to conduct the water to the city. I find the supply ample and agree with Mr. Adams' estimate of a minimum daily supply of 23,000 Imperial gallons. The elevation is suitable and the cost of clearing the lower shawls and erecting a dam sufficiently high to provide storage for a daily supply of five million Imperial gallons moderate. The cost of acquiring the lands around the lake shore and the watershed would, I think, be considerably more than Mr. Adams' estimate of \$100,000, as would be the cost of acquiring the right of way. But the route recommended involves a tunnel 29,000 feet in length, the cost of which is estimated at \$520,000. This I consider too low by \$350,000 to \$400,000.

### Estimate of the Water from Sooke Lake by Tunnel Route.

Land Purchase . . . . . \$150,000  
 Clearing Lake Margin . . . . . 25,000  
 Dam and Waste Way at Lake, with gates, etc. . . . . . 35,000  
 Pipe line to tunnel, 4,400 feet . . . . . 25,000  
 Tunnel, 29,000 feet, not less than . . . . . 960,000

Pipe line to Victoria Arm . . . . . 325,000  
 Submerged mains, 600 feet . . . . . 12,000  
 Pipe line to Government and Henry Street, 2,700 feet . . . . . 15,000  
 Rights of Way . . . . . 5,000  
 Engineering and supervisions . . . . . 50,000  
 Test borings for tunnel . . . . . 15,000  
 Interest during construction and contingencies . . . . . 200,000  
 Telephone to Lake . . . . . 5,300

\$1,762,500  
 To this must be added the cost of redistribution . . . . . 473,000  
 \$2,235,500

City's water budget under this would be as under, calculated for 1914, as this will take fully five years to complete:

Expense  
 Interest and Sinking Fund for new works, 4 per cent. 50 year bonds . . . . . \$104,000  
 Interest and Sinking Fund, present debt . . . . . 16,000  
 Operating and maintenance . . . . . 16,000

\$136,000  
 Revenue  
 Estimated, 1914 . . . . . \$90,000  
 Deficiency . . . . . 46,000  
 \$136,000

An estimate of the cost of the alternative route is as under:

Estimate of Bringing Water from Sooke Lake by Long Route.

Land purchase . . . . . \$150,000  
 Right of way . . . . . 15,000  
 Clearing lake margin . . . . . 25,000  
 Dam, wastewater and gates . . . . . 35,000  
 Pipe line to station, 500 feet . . . . . 80,000  
 Short tunnel, 2,100 feet . . . . . 42,000  
 Roads . . . . . 10,000  
 Submerged mains, 600 feet . . . . . 12,000  
 Pipe line to Government and Henry Street . . . . . 15,800  
 Engineering and supervision . . . . . 20,000  
 Interest during construction . . . . . 60,000  
 Telephone to lake . . . . . 5,200

\$1,196,000  
 Redistribution . . . . . 473,000  
 \$1,663,000

showing a difference in favor of this route over the tunnel route of \$573,500, and the budget for 1910 would be:

Expense  
 Interest and sinking fund on cost of new works, 4 per cent. 50 year bonds . . . . . \$77,500  
 Interest and sinking fund on present debt . . . . . 16,000  
 Operating and maintenance . . . . . 16,000

\$109,500  
 Estimated revenue, 1910 . . . . . 55,000  
 Deficiency . . . . . 24,000

It is my opinion that the cost of either of these routes puts Sooke Lake entirely out of the question as a source of supply for Victoria, at least until the population reaches 150,000 and over. But I submit it will be entirely proper for the Legislature to give the City powers to go there at any future time, having due regard to other interests. In this connection I may say that the reservoir site on Goldstream, about which a good deal was said at the hearing before the Executive, is undoubtedly part and parcel of the Goldstream water, inasmuch as the water now running down the river from the power house cannot be used either for power or for the City without it. I think therefore that nothing should be

done to separate the reservoir site from the use of Goldstream water.

### Goldstream and Tributaries.

After making a thorough examination of the sources and watershed of Goldstream and its tributaries, Waugh Creek and Niagara Creek, I am in entire accord with Mr. Adams, who says regarding this, "the conditions of locality, elevation, rainfall and storage facilities taken altogether constitute so rare a combination of desirable qualities for a municipal water supply that, so far as I know, it is without an equal." The water is exceptionally pure, and extraordinary precautions have been taken by the Water Works Company to keep it so. The supply as at present developed is sufficient to generate 1,500 horse power, and after leaving the power house, to supply an unmetred service of 100 gallons per capita daily to the City of 150,000 population. The use of the water to develop power, provided proper precautions against oil, or other deleterious matter, are taken, tends to improve it for domestic consumption owing to the thorough aeration which takes place at the discharge. The full development of the watershed, which is now being undertaken by the Water Works Company, will provide for 2,500 horse power, and the tail water would be sufficient for a city of 230,000 people.

I find that the actual expenditure by the Company on their various works in Goldstream as shown by the Company's books in June 30, 1907, as follows:

Total monies actually invested . . . . . \$540,751.17  
 Total paid back in dividends 213,622.00

Distributed as follows:

Thetis Lake system, including reservoir, pumping station and distribution lands, houses and shop . . . . . 202,336.98  
 Goldstream system, lands and works . . . . . 320,451.74  
 Sundry debtors, merchandise, tools, etc . . . . . 17,798.70

\$540,751.17

Regarding these expenditures: I have calculated the cubic yards in the several dams and excavations, and generally tested the stated costs of the various works. I find that they could not be duplicated today at less than 30 per cent. advance as regards the earth work, and 10 per cent. as regards the pipe lines and buildings. The lands would probably cost 25 per cent. to 30 per cent. more than the company obtained them for, which would add \$125,000 to the cost of the property as at June 30, 1907. Supposing that the field were clear, it would cost the city, or anyone else, \$62,000 to \$67,000 step in and develop the scheme to its present stage, to this we must add for interest during construction and contingencies another \$50,000. Any sum then paid in excess of \$725,000 would be for the company's charter and goodwill. Just what this is worth is a matter for an attorney to determine. I can only say this, that the works have been exceedingly well designed and constructed for the purpose for which they are intended. As the city of Victoria would not require the Thetis lake system perhaps it would be as well to take the two systems separately. We can divide the floating assets proportionately and we will get first cost as follows:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the reservoirs:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the power house:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the transmission line:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the distribution system:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the pumping plant:

Thetis Lake . . . . . \$208,000  
 Goldstream . . . . . 332,000

Then the cost of the reservoirs:

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Then the cost of the pumping plant:

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contract with the National Electric for a quantity of water to produce 400 horsepower and they had a five-year contract.

Q. What date was that contract? A. 10th May, 1892.

Q. 10th May, 1892. That was for power? A. For power, yet.

Q. And that was the contract that you say was forced upon you? A. It was not forced upon us; we could have withdrawn our bill from the House.

Q. You entered into it under what you call pressure, I think? A. Oh, yes.

Q. Did you as a matter of fact ever supply them with anything under that? A. No, they failed.

Q. They failed. Did they ever build anything for using it? A. No.

Q. There were never any facilities for using water under that contract? A. No, we could not sell to anybody else.

Q. I see. As a matter of fact, however, it never was used for any purpose between 1892 and the 27th August, 1897? A. No.

Q. Your contract you say was the 25th September with the present Tramway company of 1897? A. Yes.

Q. You began to prepare to supply them with water for power purposes? A. Yes.

Q. When did you actually begin to supply it to them? A. I think it was September, 1898.

Q. About a year afterwards roughly speaking? A. Yes.

Q. So that as a matter of fact, then, between the original act of 1885 and until September, 1898, no part of that water had ever been actually used for any power purpose? A. No.

Q. No. And the only water that had been used was the water subtracted from Thetis lake for the purpose of supplying the families and people within the territory of your charter? A. The what? Tramway?

Q. I beg your pardon? A. What do you mean?

Q. I say, the only water that had been used from the time of the original charter of 1885 up to September, 1898, was that used to supply Esquimalt and the navy and the people in that neighborhood? A. Yes.

Q. For domestic consumption or household consumption? A. For any purpose they wished to use it.

Q. And the Goldstream water was not used for power purposes during that time? A. No.

Q. Or any other purpose? A. No.

Q. So that demonstrates on the uncontradicted testimony of Mr. Lubbe himself that from the time of the original charter until now, the waters of the Goldstream district, were to be used by the Esquimalt water works company for water supply purposes with this exception that they were to furnish water to the tramway company with the object of generating power.

## Why Incorporated.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—For what purposes was this company incorporated in 1885?

Mr. Taylor.—I am coming to that, and I am very glad that you have asked me about it. The recital in the preamble states that whereas a petition had been presented by Theodore Lubbe, merchant, and others for an act to empower them to construct and maintain water works to supply the town of Esquimalt, the royal naval dockyard, the royal naval hospital, and the residents of the peninsula bounded by Victoria arm and harbor, etc., and to take water for this purpose from Thetis lake, Deadman's river and their tributaries. Then in section 8, the company is expressly authorized to construct and maintain water works for the town of Esquimalt and the adjacent peninsula as well as other parts as hereinafter provided. While in the next section they are empowered to enter upon lands and appropriate streams, etc., so that at that time it was a water company entirely as distinguished from a power company. And in 1892 when they presented a petition showing that they were desirous of improving their system no reference at all was made to the question of power, and I may further say that their right to use water under their franchise was limited to the use of water for domestic as distinguished from power purposes. And whether this company has the right to use water for any other purpose, and whether the mere fact of their supplying water would enable them to turn about and put it to any use they please is within the force and scope of the company's charter; or whether such use would be an invasion I will only at this moment say that this would apparently be an invasion.

Rights Vested in Them.

The city's act and the company's act each contain a declaration in similar words that the lands, privileges and waters ascertained, set out or appropriated for the purposes authorized by the respective acts should "thereupon and forever after be vested in the city or the company as the case might be."

"By aid of this clause the company now attempts to attach incidents of unassalable ownership to its holdings at Goldstream which would render those holdings a barrier, to the necessary expansion of the supply system of the city, impossible to be overcome without payment of such sums as the company may choose to exact, instead of such sums as distinguished third parties, arbitrators acting in accordance with the terms of the statute creating the city's prior and superior rights may fix, and subject only to the terms of which statute the company became entitled to invest Goldstream with its works. This is a contention which would, if upheld, render the company's rights paramount instead of subordinate to those of the city to the waters of Goldstream and Sooke lake beyond."

"To support this contention a construction which would render an interpretation of the company's powers under its act of 1892 is surprisingly simple if the convenient process of eliminating the preamble and sections 1 and 9 of that act be adopted but which could not be supported otherwise, without violating the plain and unmistakable meaning of that statute; particularly section 9 which recognizes and declares the city's rights to be unaffected by the privileges granted to the company. Section 9 reading that 'nothing in this act shall be construed as in any way limiting or derogating from any grant or privilege accorded to the Corporation of Victoria under the provisions of the Corporation of Victoria Water Works Act, 1873,' and in 1892 when the bill came up, the intention of the legislature as shown not only in the act as well as in the debates was this: This area is to be preserved for Victoria for her future needs, and you must understand that you enter upon this territory subject to the rights of the city of Victoria and must do nothing which will in any way whatever derogate from or impair the rights of the city in this territory. This was clearly the mind with which the legislature was actuated at that time as is demonstrated not only by the act itself, but further by the debates which took place in the house at the time."

Not Later Altered.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton.—Do you hold that even if the Esquimalt water works company had the quantity of water which would meet the city's requirements, you could take possession of it?

Mr. Taylor.—In one sense we might be estopped, but we have the right to appropriate the waters of any person or any company within that 20-mile territory. And this condition of affairs was not one which altered by the act of 1892, and could not have been altered in the circumstances. The company now contends that although its right to enter and take lands and waters may have been subject to the city's prior right of entering and taking, yet because the company entered and took before the city did so, that the company may now keep its takings in defiance of the city's rights as guaranteed by its act of 1873 and again recognized and asserted in 1892 in the very act and the only act permitting the company

to enter the field or divert or appropriate any lands and waters therein and then subject only to such guaranteed rights of the city; the company contending that such holdings as it thus acquired, became in the words of its act of incorporation "thereupon and forever after vested in the company" regardless of the city's vested right of acquisition of any holdings in the territory granted to the city by its act of 1873 and subject to the terms of which act of 1873 the company acted.

The city then had a right to appropriate at any time of any lands or any waters of any persons or bodies corporate within a 20-mile radius of the city, therefore Goldstream and Sooke lake. That right was declared not to be in any way limited by, or derogated from, by the subsidiary privileges given to the company.

Mr. Taylor: "Yes."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "And nothing is said about power?"

Mr. Taylor: "No, there was an abundant quantity of water in this region for the higher levels of Esquimalt, and the main reason why the corporation of the city of Victoria did not oppose the passage of that act was that the region in question was too low in level to be capable of supplying the wants of its citizens."

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The committee declined to authorize the city to operate a power plant unless it first purchased the works of the existing company. After inquiring that it would insist upon such compulsory purchase the committee proposed a scale of compensation for ex-

which was not to be found in either of the statutes produced as precedent for the insertion of compulsory purchase clauses and vastly more burdensome. The effect of this compulsory purchase clause would have been to have conferred an exclusive right or monopoly upon the tramway company in defiance of the terms of their agreement with the city and the tramway company confirmed by statute. Both parties agreed to this clause.

The city asked the insertion of the following clause in the tramway company's act:

"That nothing in this present contract contained shall be deemed to confer, or be construed as conferring any exclusive privileges, rights or powers, on or to the parties of the second part, (i.e. Tramway company.) By this contract the Tramway company became entitled to the privilege of using without payment the highways of Victoria, for its tramway, lighting and power system upon condition that the privileges so conferred shall not be exclusive. The Tramway company acquired a vested right or privilege of user of the streets. The city reserved a right which thereupon became equally well vested that the Tramway company's right should not be exclusive.

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Hon. Mr. Bowser—How much money have you spent there altogether?

Mr. Luxton—At the time of the trial we had spent about \$300,000. In addition, we acquired a water shed enclosing some 12,000 acres; in order to prevent the pollution of the waters of Goldstream.

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Mr. Luxton—Yes. We have acquired the land from Goldstream to the sea in order to keep people off and to prevent pollution of the water. Even the caretaker is not allowed by us to keep a cow.

It is suggested that all this has been done in order to carry out our contract with the British Columbia Electric Railway Company; but this is not so.

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Mr. Luxton—Yes.

Hon. Mr. McBride—From the year 1893 this water has been used exclusively for power and not for domestic purposes.

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Mr. Luxton—Yes, and the reason why this policy has been adopted was touched upon in the judgment, and this reason is simply because if the city requires a supply of water from us it would otherwise mean the throwing away of \$125,000. And if the water is to be brought in for the peninsula alone, which is not as large as Victoria, the evidence shows that the loss would be \$125,000, for we are liable under section 10 of our statute of 1892 to be called upon to supply the city with water to the extent of not less than 500,000, and of not more than five million gallons a day. And further, I may add, as a matter of fact, that Victoria West is growing at such a rate, while in addition Hudson's Bay company is talking of opening up their property, etc., that as matters stand we will be obliged to bring that water in; as Thetis lake will not be at all sufficient as a source of supply. All these facts came out during the trial, when moreover, it was contemplated that the question of opening the Songhees reserve was about to be settled favorably, which would have further enlarged the demand upon our resources.

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Hon. Mr. McBride—In what year did you spend most of the money which you have expended in carrying on your system of works on Goldstream?

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Hon. Mr. McBride—Have you constructed extensive works?

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that anything is said about limiting that right.

Mr. Taylor—The company supplies the inhabitants of Esquimalt, but I did not say domestic purposes merely, although I spoke of domestic as distinct from power purposes."

Mr. Luxton—I am confident that it cannot be shown that this water is to be used for domestic purposes alone. The unquestionable fact is that it can be employed for all purposes.

Section 10 of the 1885 act authorizes the company to supply water, and section 9 and 10 to supply the peninsula as well as the district along the pipe line, while the act of 1892 authorizes us to supply water anywhere from the reservoir at Goldstream.

#### Many Powers Granted

We have power under these two statutes to furnish water to people all along the pipe line. Under section 10 and the pipe line, while the company, we are empowered to construct and maintain works, machinery, etc. Further on we are enabled to distribute water to the inhabitants of Esquimalt and of the peninsula.

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Interest Identical

"I repeat that viewed from the purely business point of view our interests and the interests of the city of Victoria are identical, and if the city will protect our interests then the British Columbia Electric Railway company will be prepared to extend, and to a very considerable extent, its business. Indeed the plans are now being formed in order to provide for very large extensions of the company's system, and I may say that if the company was assured that its expenditure would receive adequate protection, no hesitation whatever would be shown on the part of the company in carrying these plans into practical effect, as rapidly as this can possibly be accomplished, for we would find no difficulty whatever in getting the necessary capital. But on the other hand if the city holds this threat of interference over us, and attempts either to destroy or to injure our business, we will naturally not be disposed to invest much more money in the undertaking.

"Now, what would the city gain by having this power provision inserted in their bill? Or by entering into competition with us with no great practical good in sight? While on the other hand the business is now in the hands of a first-class company, and in the end if the city should decide upon municipal ownership it will be able to acquire an already established-going concern.

### Why Hamper the Company?

"It is perfectly plain that the city is not in a position to enter into competition with this company, while in all probability it will be years before it will really be in a position to acquire such a well-managed and successful property as the British Columbia Electric Railway company owns at the present moment. And why, I well may ask, should this company be hampered on merely theoretical grounds, and discouraged in its desire to extend, as well as to improve their undertaking? After all this is not in the public interest, and it is not well advised.

In regard to the agreement which was entered into in 1885 between the city and Messrs. Warren, Higgins, Shotholt, Grey and Hunter for the undertaking of a general electrical business, a franchise for fifty years was granted in section 12 of the act, while in clause 14 it is stated that nothing contained in this act shall be deemed to confer or be construed so as to confer exclusive electrical street transportation privileges. And consequently we agree that we could have no objection to the granting of the same privileges to any other corporation, but we further contend that this clause cannot be so construed as to permit the city of Victoria to enter into competition with this company, because at the time when this agreement was made municipalities had no power to enter into the electrical business. And this power did not come into the municipal act until 1891, and the city did not then permit of it, and the city merely reserved the right to grant the same privilege to some other company.

### Contrasted Competition

Private competition is indeed one thing, but competition with a municipality where every ratepayer becomes a shareholder is another and an entirely different thing, and a company if such an occurrence was probable, would naturally hesitate about entering upon such an undertaking. And accordingly we have insisted and most properly insisted that it is not at all advisable that the public money should be used for any such purpose. The agreement in question was embodied in the act of 1891, in which the city and the corporation of the National Electric Tramway and Light company, limited, now, however, described as the Victoria Electric Railway and Lighting company, limited, joined.

The B. C. Electric Railway company subsequently was organized and took over the obligations while they understood that they were in addition taking over the privileges of the old company, and in these circumstances this company has expended a very large sum of money and supplied an efficient electric traction and lighting service. The company has obtained power at reasonable rates, and has furnished lights over the whole city.

### Enterprise Well Conducted

It is further admitted, and was so stated before the committee, that the enterprise is well conducted. It has not even been suggested that the company has been acting unfairly, while as is well known it employs only white labor and pays good salaries.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—Was the present company formed in 1895-6?

Mr. Bodwell.—It was organized in 1897.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—You say the company thought that they were taking over all the privileges of the old company?

Mr. Bodwell.—They did take these over. The Consolidated Railway and Lighting company was merged into the British Columbia Electric Railway company.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—And under these terms are you operating the undertaking?

Mr. Bodwell.—Yes, under all these terms.

Mr. Taylor.—Was this not done under a mortgage? Was there not some trouble? and the bondholders sold out to the present company?

Mr. J. Bunzen.—The former company went into the hands of receivers.

Mr. Taylor.—Its affairs passed under the control of the bondholders, who sold out to the present company.

Mr. Buntzen.—Yes.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—Do you deny the 50-year agreement, Mr. Taylor?

Mr. Taylor.—Oh, no.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—There is no question either of supplying power to the city?

Mr. Bodwell.—We were incorporated with all these powers, which belonged to the old company in the different districts.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—Was there anything to show that the city might not compete with you?

Mr. Bodwell.—Any private company could be authorized to compete with us.

Hon. Mr. Bowser.—But was there any contract with the city that the city should not compete with you?

Mr. Bodwell.—We say that this is essentially the fact because the city at the time when the agreement was originally made and when they gave us the franchise for 50 years had no power to go into the electrical business.

Mr. Taylor.—That was the case at the time when the agreement was originally made, but it was not the case when the act was passed.

Municipalities Empowered

Mr. Bodwell.—The act merely ratifies and confirms the agreement and

makes its provisions binding on all parties. In 1881, however, a rather imperfect clause was inserted in the Municipal act by which in its widest construction municipalities generally were empowered to go into the power and light business. But on the other hand the city has agreed that it should become possessed of this 50-year franchise, and in order to succeed in their present design they must seek for a monopoly. We will give to the city everything that the city of Vancouver has, and I may say, it is provided in that agreement that the Gas Company shall not charge over \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic ft, while the B. C. Electric Company shall not charge over one cent an hour for a 16 candle-power, and in case of excess in these charges provision for redress is made.

Hon. Mr. McBride: "What do you ask for lighting?"

Mr. Buntzen: "13 cents per kilowatt, I believe."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "And your act was passed in 1894?"

Mr. Bodwell: "Yes; but our agreement date from 1885 while its conditions were imposed on the city through a private act in 1884."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Notwithstanding the provision which has been mentioned in the Municipal act?"

Mr. Bodwell: "Yes, and to succeed the city must invoke the powers of a private act."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Would not your company object to such a proceeding under the act of 1894?"

Mr. Bodwell: "Most certainly they would."

Mr. Bodwell: "The British Columbia Electric Railway company is now paying six per cent dividends, but this has only been the case, during the last few years, it is however, now undoubtedly a good investment, on which we have already expended \$2,000,000 and if the city will agree to protect our capital the company on its part is ready to spend a large sum of money here which will most assuredly benefit the city in the further extension of its lines. While this side attempt on the part of the city to checkmate and interfere with us will not benefit the city in any way whatever, and if the company has this club held over its head, and if 'not by this, then by some other' council much mischief will ensue, and both parties to the transaction will suffer."

Municipal ownership, as a matter of fact, is at the present time, going rapidly out of favor. And if it made headway anywhere it was certainly in the city of London, where the Progressive party involved the city in tremendous expense. But only a year ago the citizens of that great metropolis rose up and overthrew that party, upsetting all their plans. Municipal ownership was not a success in London, and it is also not a success in Glasgow, in spite of all that is said to the contrary. But give us real protection for our capital. We are an efficient company, a well organized and well equipped company, and, as a matter of pure business, we will be bound to bring down our rates to the lowest possible figures."

### Some Questions

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Is not Mr. Adams' estimate \$450,000?"

Mr. Taylor: "Mr. Adams asked for time to make an estimate; and those figures are the figures of the Company."

"As a power proposition the cost, it is supposed, will not exceed \$333,000. In view of the foregoing estimates, that the entire plant on Goldstream cost, possibly \$200,000 and no more than \$450,000, negotiations might be entered upon the basis of \$350,000, which is between the sums."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "It is evident that in these proceedings you have an ulterior motive."

Mr. Taylor: "Mr. Adams is a San Francisco engineer of high standing and great reputation."

Mr. Luxton: "But he is inaccurate in his figures."

Mr. Taylor: "There is certainly some difference between the estimates of \$18 and \$33 a foot."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Did the offer of \$600,000 include Thetis Lake, etc.?"

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "It was for the whole thing. I believe that \$400,000 was offered for Thetis Lake and \$200,000 for the balance of our property."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Are we to understand that the sum of \$200,000 is a fair offer for the Goldstream property?"

Mr. Taylor: "Yes."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Have you a report by an expert upon the value of the Company's property?"

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "No. The Company's works cost about \$800,000, taking into consideration the dividends which were spent in improving the property."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "We would like to have a detailed statement."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "If the city wants a tunnel they need not go through our reservoir site. Mr. Adams indeed says that a pipe line and not the tunnel is the cheaper proposition."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "On this point our contention is that the Esquimalt Waterworks Company had no exclusive right to go to Goldstream, as their right was always subject to intrusion on the part of the city of Victoria."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "This was after 1892 when you demanded an amending act, you did not ask for the privilege of generating electric power?"

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "I do not think that we did."

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Hon. Mr. Bowser: "What about the tunnel?"

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "I cannot really tell myself, whether the construction of a tunnel would affect the reservoir."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "You know what your real object is?"

**Cost of Work.**

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "I have studiously refrained from stating what these works may cost the city. It is for the citizens to consider these matters after the details have been placed before them."

"I have refrained from saying, whether in my opinion, the building of a tunnel might injure the reservoir, but I may state that Mr. Adams, the engineer, in his merely preliminary report estimates the cost of the Esquimalt Waterworks at \$298,000, and I take it that this figure includes the Goldstream plant."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "That report of Mr. Adams is wholly misleading; and I strongly object to its production."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "These figures are supposed to represent the expenditure of the Company as shown by the Company's books."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "Does he value the Company's works?"

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "A valuation of \$450,000 is made by Mr. Raynor, with a total expenditure of \$298,104."

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "You have not everything. There are many other things which are not included in that estimate."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "Did the city ever make an offer to the Esquimalt Waterworks Company?"

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "They did."

benefit of all parties to work amicably together."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "Is there any way of agreeing upon the Vancouver arrangement? Do you ask for a monopoly?"

Mr. Buntzen: "No, we do not."

Mr. Bodwell: "We are certainly not seeking for a monopoly. We will give to the city everything that the city of Vancouver has, and I may say, it is provided in that agreement that the Gas Company shall not charge over \$2.50 per 1,000 cubic ft, while the B. C. Electric Company shall not charge over one cent an hour for a 16 candle-power, and in case of excess in these charges provision for redress is made."

Hon. Mr. McBride: "What do you ask for lighting?"

Mr. Buntzen: "13 cents per kilowatt, I believe."

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "The cost is considerably less. That is the maximum."

Mr. Bodwell: "Anything that Vancouver has in this respect, Victoria can have."

### Two Companies' Relations.

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "What position does the Esquimalt Waterworks Company occupy in this connection?"

Mr. Bodwell: "Oh, we can easily take all the water that this company can give us, as well as all the water that the city can spare us from Sooke Lake. Indeed, we will need more than we can get from both these sources. Only give us decent protection and it will easily be the best thing that ever happened to the city. It would be perfectly useless to enter into competition with a well-established and well-entrenched company. It would be simply a waste of public money. We will certainly lose an awful lot of money before we will be driven out of the fields, while it will, at the very least, cost the city a million to make anything approaching a decent beginning. While we are prepared to go out of business at any time on fair terms being offered us by the city."

### The Hidden Meaning

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "The sum total of the power proposed is that the sentence—noting in this act shall be construed as conferring exclusive rights—should be altered so as to declare that the

Hon. Mr. Bowser: "How much was offered?"

Hon. Mr. Luxton: " \$600,000. While we on our part, last September asked for \$1,382,000 for our property. Since the first offer was made we have spent considerable money. There is this \$45,000 for instance. While the tunnel has been estimated by the city at \$18 per foot, Mr. Forbes says that it will cost \$33 a foot."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "That is an arbitrary rate. It may be too high and it may be too low."

Mr. Bodwell: "No company wants such a threat as this hanging over them, and if the people of Vancouver are satisfied with this maximum clause it must be all right. But the company has been able to keep its charges within the maximum figures. We are quite willing to agree to put into force the same maximum clause here and to charge the same rates here that we are today charging in Vancouver."

### No Animus in Action.

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "We are not attacking the British Columbia Electric Railway Company. This is not at all a matter of personal or venomous spite, but a matter of principle. All we are concerned about relates to the disposition which we shall make of our surplus water when we have established our water system. We have mean-while no doubt whatever that a satisfactory arrangement can be made with your company. Our only object in taking these proceedings is that we can make a larger revenue, and will be enabled to embark upon a better undertaking if we can develop a power proposition."

Mr. Bodwell: "The statement simply amounts to this: 'We will club you into submission by competition.' Now I do not wish you to bring anything of that kind up."

Hon. Mr. Taylor (laughing): "I have not noticed that."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "We would like to have a statement from the British Columbia Electric Railway Company in respect to the \$2,000,000 which they have expended in this town."

Mr. Bodwell: "You do not require us I presume, to go into all the details, but merely to present a summary."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "It is further to be re-

membered that the Company secured concessions for which the city got nothing in return. The construction which the Company now seeks to place upon the act reads the non-exclusive franchise out of it and replaces it with an exclusive franchise."

Hon. Mr. Carter-Cotton: "How is it the city's street lighting managed?"

Hon. Mr. Luxton: "We use steam power in order to develop the electric current."

Mr. Bodwell: "All this money was invested on the distinct understanding that the city would not compete with us. To do so would clearly be a breach of contract."

Hon. Mr. Taylor: "Are we to understand that the Company secured concessions for which the city got nothing in return. The construction which the Company now seeks to place upon the act reads the non-exclusive franchise out of it and replaces it with an exclusive franchise?"

Hon. Mr. Carter

## MAGAZINE EXPLOSION SINKS TRAINING SHIP

Serious Disaster to Japanese Navy Occurs at Pescadores Islands

Tokio, April 30.—Admiral Yoshimatsu, commander of the training squadron, reports that an explosion occurred in the stern magazine of the cruiser Matsushima at 4:08 o'clock this morning while anchoring at Makanga harbor, in the Pescadores Islands. The Matsushima immediately sank until only the bridge was visible. Efforts at rescue by boats from the cruiser Jashadate and the Itsukushima continued until 9 a.m., saving the lives of 42 men, including some officers. The majority of the officers were not saved.

At the time of the admiral's report the cadets aboard numbered 58 out of a complement of 300. It is feared all are lost. The sons of Baron Chinda, vice minister of the foreign office, and Prince Oyama, field marshal, are among the missing men. Capts. Yodkiori and Yusibro are also thought to be lost. The cause of the explosion is unknown.

The Pescadores Islands, the scene of the catastrophe, are a low island group between Formosa and China. They belonged to China until 1895, when they were ceded to Japan.

The Matsushima is a protected cruiser. She was built in 1900. Her displacement is 4,237 tons, length 295 feet. She has two decks and twelve gun positions. Her armament consisted of one 12.6 inch Canet gun, 26 quick-firing guns and six machine guns. She had also four torpedo tubes.

Her complement is given in the books of record as 350 men. If the cruiser had 300 men on board at the time of the accident 159 men lost their lives. The Matsushima took part in the Russo-Japanese war, she was instrumental in November, 1904, in sending Russian torpedo boats that were attempting to escape from Port Arthur to the bottom.

Accidents in the Japanese navy are rare. There was an explosion of powder on board the ship Kashima last September, in which twenty-seven men were killed, and in September, 1905, the battleship Mikasa, which was Admiral Togo's flagship in the Russo-Japanese war, was partially destroyed by fire and the explosion of her magazine at Sasebo. No men lost their lives in this accident.

Washington, D.C., April 30.—Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador, was about to leave for the state department today when a reporter of the Associated Press showed him the despatch from Tokio telling of the loss of life by the explosion of the cruiser Matsushima. It was the first news the ambassador had received of the tragedy, and he expressed deep regret over the occurrence.

With the usual caution the naval officials at Tokio evidently are obtaining all the information possible before giving out a full report of the disaster. No report of the explosion reached the navy department during the morning from the American naval attaché at Tokio.

Speculation among naval experts leads to the conclusion that the explosion occurred in the stern magazine, and was caused by either a defective electric wire, an electric fuse or deteriorating in the stock of smokeless powder, affected by heat. That the explosion could have been caused from without the ship is given not the slightest credence here.

A despatch to the naval attaché of the Japanese embassy from Tokio says that those saved included three officers, twenty-four cadets, seven non-commissioned officers and 141 of the crew.

## POISONING SUSPECTED

Young Irish Farmer Dies Suddenly and His Widow is Arrested at New York

New York, April 29.—The Cunard line steamer Campania, which arrived today from Queenstown, was detained at the quarantine station until despatch from this city, at the request of the Royal Irish constabulary, found and questioned Mrs. Margaret Clary and Mrs. Catherine Bowen, of Claremorris, county Mayo, Ireland. The constabulary in cable dispatch to the New York police requested the detention of the two women, and stated that Mrs. Clary's husband, a farmer, died of poisoning since the two women sailed from Ireland.

The two women were registered on the passenger list as Margaret and Catherine McCormick. While the steamer lay at quarantining the detectives identified the women. They were taken to a cabin, and Mrs. Clary was questioned concerning the death of her husband. She declared that he was in good health, and that she came to visit a brother in Brooklyn, and that her mother and husband were to have followed. When she was informed of the action of the constabulary she insisted upon her right to land.

She was detained, however, and with Mrs. Bowen, was brought still under the surveillance of the detectives.

Dublin, April 29.—An inquest was begun today at Claremorris, in county Mayo, over the body of Thomas Clary, a young farmer, whose widow was to-day arrested in New York. According to the testimony given by a brother of Clary, the couple who were married two months ago, were unhappy. On April 28, Clary complained of pains. His wife went out ostensibly to get him some brandy, but did not return. Clary died four days later. In his dying statement he declared he became ill after being handed a drink by his wife. The inquest was adjourned pending an analysis of the dead man's stomach.

New York, April 29.—Mrs. Margaret Clary tonight was examined by a board of special inquiry at Ellis Island and ordered deported. The other woman was not ordered deported, but made no objection to staying at the Island with her friend, and her case will receive further consideration. It is believed she will consent to accompany the other woman back without the formality of further procedure.

## HULL LICENSES CUT OFF.

Ottawa, April 30.—Hull Council having refused to reduce the number of licenses in that village, the provincial authorities to-day cut six of them off.

## INSANE DOKHOBORS

Regina, April 30.—The Saskatchewan government has taken up with the Department of the Interior the question of the Dokhobors shipped back to Yorkton by the Ontario government authorities. In the legislature today the Attorney General stated that he was advised that nineteen of these

were insane, and these were being ordered placed in charge. It is likely that the Dominion will be asked to care for the Dokhobors, as they are not citizens of this province, having refused to accept local institutions.

## May Get Red Hat.

Rome, April 30.—The Most Rev. Dmocede Falconio, the apostolic delegate at Washington, is among those mentioned as likely to be created cardinals at the next consistory in June.

## MCGILL GIVES DEGREES.

Montreal, April 30.—At the annual convocation of McGill on May 10 honorary degrees were conferred upon Sir Casper Purdon Clark, director of the Metropolitan Museum, New York, for his services to art, and upon Dr. Tory, principal of the new Alberta university, and a former member of the McGill staff.

## HONORED BY DALHOUSIE.

Halifax, April 30.—At Dalhousie University convocation to-day, the honorary degree of LL.D. was conferred on Lieut.-Gov. Fraser, Premier Murray, Alexander Robinson, superintendent of education of British Columbia; President Falconer, of Toronto University, and Principal McLean, of Pictou Academy.

## ST. LAWRENCE NAVIGATION.

Montreal, April 30.—The first ocean boat of the season, the Allan liner Corsican, arrived in port this morning, followed shortly afterwards by the Dominion liner Dominion. Three hundred immigrants are now on the way to Montreal on the Allan liner Corinthian, the Dominion liner Ottawa and the Canadian Pacific liners Lake Erie and Montreal.

## RETIREES FROM SANTA FE.

New York, April 30.—Victor Morawitz, chairman of the executive committee of the Pocatello and Santa Fe railway, said today in reference to reports of his intended resignation: "I expect to retire, at least temporarily, from the management in order to obtain rest, and also to obtain time for other work, which I have been compelled to lay aside for several years. The company does not need my services at the present time. The company and its finances are in good order, and no important questions of policy are likely to come up this year."

## STRUCK BY ELECTRIC CAR.

Boston, April 30.—As a result of a collision between an inward-bound Grove Hall car and a wagon of the McPhees Express Company in front of 1234 Washington street to-night, one man is dying in the hospital and two others are in the hospital suffering from serious injuries. Bertram McLean of No. 6 Blanchard street, Roxbury, driver of the express wagon, was thrown to the ground and suffered a fracture of the skull. Joseph E. Saunders, aged 25 years, the driver's helper, was also thrown to the pavement from the seat of the wagon and suffered serious injuries to the face and body. Harry Reiset, aged 23 years, of Somerville, a passenger on the front platform of the electric car, suffered contusions of the body.

## ALBERTA PRESBYTERIANS.

Second Annual Session of the Provincial Synod in Progress at Edmonton

Edmonton, April 30.—The second annual session of the synod of the Presbyterian church in Alberta opened its first sitting in the Presbyterian church last evening, a large number of ministers and elders from all parts of the province being present.

Principal Patrick, of Manitoba college, delivered a very eloquent opening sermon. At the conclusion of the sermon some preliminary business of the synod was transacted. Rev. Mr. White, of Lacombe, was elected mod-

**Agricultural Building Plans.**  
Davis Frame has prepared the plans for the machinery, poultry and restaurant buildings for the agricultural association and tenders will be called for within the next few days.

## FERRY AT ESQUIMALT.

A deputation from the Colwood and Metchosin Development Association, headed by H. D. Helmcken, K. C., waited on the Provincial Government on Wednesday to request assistance in the establishment of a ferry from Colwood to Esquimalt. They asked that an appropriation be granted for the construction of a wharf in the vicinity of the bridge. They were assured that the matter would be given consideration.

## HOURS AND WAGES.

Terms of Settlement Reached By the Canadian Northern Railway and Its Machinists

Winnipeg, April 30.—The wage and working schedule drawn up in accordance with the agreement reached by the officials of the Canadian Northern railway and the representatives of the company's shop employees have been signed. This agreement embodies concessions on both sides, one of the most interesting of which is a reduction of two cents an hour for some classes of work, the men having given away with respect to the wage scale after fully considering the representations made by the officials on the prevailing slackness of business. The men are receiving a quid pro quo in the way of time and classification. The nine-hour day continues, with recognition of the

hours worked.

TRIBESMEN WHO SUFFERED DEFEAT AT HANDS OF BRITISH EXPEDITION TO SEND IN DELEGATES.

Peshawar, India, April 30.—The Mohmand tribes, who have been quiescent since their defeat six days ago by a British force under the command of Sir James Willcocks, are sending delegates to confer with the British authorities. If the tribesmen accept the terms offered by the British officers the necessity of sending

delegates to the British force is removed.

Mr. Hunter is in Chicago attending to the final details of getting a huge

## SUPPOSED ROBBERS TAKEN AT EMERSON

Police Capture Men Suspected of Raiding Bank in Minnesota

Emerson, Minn., April 30.—Chief of Police Joseph Wilson and a posse of citizens at noon captured three armed men believed to be part of the bandit gang which looted the bank of Scandia at Stephen, Minn., yesterday. The arrest was very spectacular, as the chief and his men pulled their guns and forced the suspects to throw up their hands.

Two of the supposed robbers entered the home of Wm. Robertson, a farmer, on the edge of the town, at 11 o'clock and asked for food. They carried a wicked looking pump gun, loaded with buckshot. They threw up their hands when arrested and showed no disposition to fight.

They gave their names as Joseph Stagger and Homer Kater, but refused to talk. They had \$50 in American gold, a quantity of dynamite and many shells. The third man was captured in the railway yards. They say they are land seekers.

MOHMANDS HUMBLED.

Chicago Man Says He Can Manufacture 24-Carat Gold Without Limit

Chicago, April 30.—The Record-Herald says: Eighteen months hence R. W. Hunter says he will be manufacturing 24-carat gold at the rate of \$100,000,000 annually. The transmutation of silver and baser metals into gold is his secret and he declares he can produce the finer metal in a quality to defy the government experts as to its origin, and in quantity to keep the Philadelphia mint busy the year round.

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police again took Mrs. Smith into custody. Scores of men are ready to sign her bail bond, but the district attorney declares she will have to remain in jail unless released by habeas corpus proceedings.

## MISSING EIGHT YEARS.

Wife of Man Who Disappeared From Near Edmonton Seeks Possession of Property

Edmonton, April 30.—Eight years ago Joseph Kirk, who resided on the northeast quarter of section 14, township 53, range 24 west, left for Spokane. He has not been heard of since. Action is now being taken by his wife to obtain possession of property that remains on the ground that he is dead. According to Canadian law, a man missing seven years is considered dead. The difficulty in this case, however, is that no proof can be obtained that the man is actually dead. He left here in 1900 after selling his farm for \$1,500, and went to Spokane. He arrived there and secured a boarding house. One evening he left the boarding house and did not return, and no trace of him has since been found. About that time an unknown man was found dead, but the chief of police of Spokane stated that there was no resemblance between the man found and the description of Kirk.

## SUFFRAGETTE ROUGHLY USED.

New York, April 30.—The World today says: Mrs. Norman Wells, the English suffragette, has complained to the police about the treatment she and a companion received in Harlem a night or two ago when they attempted to address a street crowd. Mrs. Wells demands police protection at her next Harlem meeting set for the coming Monday night. "The way we are treated in Harlem is a disgrace to the city," she says. "A dozen times while I was moving about in the crowd I was tripped or knocked down and kicked. I appealed to several men to protect us, but the only answer I received was 'Jeens. I have addressed meetings in some of the worst parts of London, but I have never had such an experience. We don't mind how much fun is made of us, but it is a disgrace to American manhood, when a woman

is permitted to be knocked down in a public street."

## MOUNT ETNA IN ERUPTION.

Messina, April 30.—Mount Etna is now in active eruption. At night the contrast between flames from its cone and the snow-capped mountains is most picturesque.

## TRAIN ROBBERS SUCCEED.

Pittsburg, April 30.—Two men selected on the New York and St. Louis express on the Pennsylvania railroad, which left this city at 9:55 p.m. to-night, entered the express car at Walker's Mills, ten miles west of this city, on the Panhandle division, overcame the express messenger and escaped with four sealed bags containing currency.

CAPT. AMUNDSEN AT HOME.

Christiania, April 30.—Capt. Roald Amundsen, the discoverer of the north-west passage, who has just returned from New York, expressed himself as delighted at the reception given him while in the United States. He was especially proud at being the first to receive the medal of the Geographical Society of Chicago, endowed by Miss Helen Culver, and of being so honored by different geographical societies. Capt. Amundsen will take a short holiday before beginning preparations for a new Arctic voyage.

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 30.—The notable feature of the twelfth founders' day of the Carnegie Institute, celebrated today, was the address of the Right Hon. James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, whose topic was "The influence of modern science upon modern thought." There was general regret that Mr. Carnegie could not be present. He sent a letter expressing his ever-increasing interest in the work here, and assuring the officers of his continued support of their efforts.

AMELIA BINGHAM'S ILLNESS.

New York, April 30.—Amelia Bingham, the actress, was in a decidedly critical condition today, according to a statement by her husband, Lloyd Bingham. Mrs. Bingham was taken ill with peritonitis on Sunday. On Sunday night she submitted to a surgical operation, and Mr. Bingham said today that her relapse followed. She has taken no nourishment for five days. Mrs. Bingham's physician tonight said that the actress' condition was more favorable than at any time since the operation was performed last Sunday and that unless unforeseen complications ensued, there was no reason why complete recovery should not be expected.

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY JEROME'S CASE.

New York, April 30.—Investigation of the conduct of District Attorney Jerome under the order of Governor Hughes today reached the charges bearing upon George W. Perkins' testimony before the legislative committee concerning the Nylce fund. This fund belongs to the agents of the New York Life Insurance Co. Franklin Pierce, counsel for the complainants, today read to the commissioner who is hearing the charges, that a portion of Mr. Perkins' testimony, in which he told of a profit of \$40,000 from a bond transaction with Kidder, Peabody & Co. Mr. Pierce said this money was turned over to Mr. Perkins as trustee for the Nylce fund, apparently without the knowledge of the company, although the payment was made by its president. Several members of the grand jury of March, 1900, were in court today as witnesses for the complainants.

THE FUNERAL OF THE SMITH CHILD.

New York, April 30.—A notice to confirm the report of Referee Cohalan in the action brought to annul the marriage of Helen Maloney, of Philadelphia, to Arthur H. Osborne, a young broker of this city, was made before Justice McCall in the supreme court today. The motion was made by Mr. Maloney's counsel, A. L. Hume. Although none of the testimony could be seen, it was known that Referee Cohalan had decided that the original marriage between Miss Maloney and Osborne was really no marriage at all, in case Justice McCall confirmed the report, Miss Maloney will be free to marry Samuel Clarkson, the young Englishman with whom she eloped last September. Miss Maloney is a Roman Catholic, and her marriage to Clarkson would not be countenanced by the church if the ceremony with Osborne is found binding. In the case of an annulment, however, the first marriage would be looked upon as never having taken place, and it is possible that her marriage to Clarkson would be sanctioned by the church.

THE FUNERAL OF THE SMITH CHILD.

New York, April 30.—The funeral of the Smith child was held from the home of her grandfather at Allaire. There was some excitement, and Bachman was denounced, but there was only pity and compassion for the heart-broken mother, who nearly collapsed when the body was taken to the grave. There was a touching scene when the

church authorities sent the

complainants.

BILL CARRIGAN IS STILL ALTERNATING

BEHIND THE BAT FOR THE BOSTON AMERICANS. AND IT IS HARD TO FIGURE WHY COL. TAYLOR SHOULD LET HIM GO TO TORONTO.

## LIFE SAVERS TRYING TO REACH VESSEL

Runs Ashore Near Fire Island Light—Surfboat Driven Back

New York, April 30.—The life saving crew at Zach's inlet, Fire Island, launched their surfboat in a tumbling sea tonight in a desperate attempt to reach a vessel that was firing signals of distress from the bar outside the inlet. At midnight the life savers had not returned, and watchers on shore doubted whether they would reach their goal. The vessel in distress was square-rigged, but whether a ship or a bark could not be made out by the marine observer. The vessel struck about 10 o'clock. At the time a gale was blowing from the southeast and a heavy sea was running. Thick weather continued along the coast to-night. Zach's inlet is ten miles west of Fire Island light.

It is reported from Fire Island that the life savers were unable to reach the vessel in their surfboat. The vessel lies well off the shore, and cannot be reached by means of the guns. The revenue cutter Mohawk put out tonight and expected to be alongside the craft in good season to remove the crew if necessary. The storm was abating late tonight, and it is believed that the ship will weather the gale. No wreckage has come ashore. At low water in the morning the life savers expect to reach the ship if the cutter's crew has not already boarded her.



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(Approved by Order of His Honor the Administrator-in-Council, dated 8th of April, 1908.)

1. All vessels arriving at British Columbia ports from ports infected or suspected of being infected with Bubonic Plague shall conform to the following regulations:

(a) Vessels shall be moored or docked at a distance not less than six feet from port or land.

(b) Hopes or chains connecting a vessel with wharf or land shall be protected by funnels of size and shape satisfactory to Local and Provincial Boards of Health:

(c) All gangways shall be lifted when not in use. Gangways when in use shall be guarded against the exit of rats by a person specially detailed for this purpose:

(d) All vessels changing route to solely British Columbia ports shall give satisfactory evidence of disinfection and extermination of vermin to Provincial Board of Health.

(e) All overalls, caps, gaiters, etc., of every vessel, and every other person violating or instructing, authorizing, ordering, permitting, or otherwise suffering any person to violate any of the foregoing regulations shall be liable upon summary conviction before any Justice of the Peace, for every such offence, a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, with or without imprisonment, with or without hard labor, for a term not exceeding six months, or to both fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the convicting magistrate.

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SONS OF ENGLAND, Pride of Island Lodge, A.O.U.W. Hall, 1st and 3rd Tuesday. J. P. Wheeler, Pres; Thos. Gravlin, sec.

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Our slabs and trimmings are cut into lengths to suit the customer at \$3.00 per large two-horse wagon load. We endeavor to make prompt deliveries. Send or telephone your orders to The Taylor Lumber Mill Co., Ltd., Mill on Garibaldi Road, on Victoria Arm, P. O. Box 476. Telephone No. 844.

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### SODA WATER MANUFACTURERS.

FAIRALL BROS. Agents "Bromo Hygol." Esquimalt Road, Victoria. Telephone 444.

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PANDORA HOTEL—Corner of Blanchard and Pandora Sts.; redecorated and refitted with new modern furnishings. Electric light, dining and smoking rooms. Fully licensed. Fine hotel to rooms by day or week. One block from City library. On car line. Phone 1437.

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TO LOAN—\$1,000 on first mortgage; good security. Box 531, Colonist. a30

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MEN WANTED—Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, tack up showcards on trees, fences, bridges, and all conspicuous places also distribute small advertising matter. Commission or salary \$83 per month and expenses \$4 per day. Steady employment at safe reliable men. No previous experience. Write for particulars. Empire Medelco Co., London, Ont.

WANTED—Gordon press feeder with experience, at the Colonist office. a28

WANTED—Carrier for Colonist route; one living in Esquimalt or Victoria. West preferred. Apply at the Colonist office.

AGENTS WANTED

WANTED—Local agent for the Western Canada Fisheries Company, Ltd. (Non-Tariff), apply to D. H. Rice, General Agent, 4212 B.C. 132 Hastings St., East, Vancouver, B.C.

NOTICE—Ladies, attention. Dressmaking School has moved from corner Yates and Broad to 716 Humboldt St. Girls wanted to learn. a4

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# COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

## VOLUME OF TRADING SHOWS SHRINKAGE

Various Influences Affect New York Market for the Worse

New York, April 30.—The shrinkage of about one-half in the volume of to-day's stock market from that of yesterday was significant of the abatement in the demand for stocks. The reactionary tone at the same time was more pronounced than yesterday, most of the sales being effected at prices below the closing of the day before, the last prices showing material declines.

It is well understood that the disclosures in connection with the two latest stock exchange failures have served to force covering by the bears to an unusual extreme, many lenders of stocks making peremptory demands for their return by borrowers for delivery against short sales. These disclosures have had a disquieting effect on the speculative temper also, owing to the fears that they would discourage operations by the general public through commission houses. The practice by commission houses of short sales in stock which their customers are long off is discomfited, and the suggestion that some of the recent covering was of this character has caused an unpleasant impression. The result has been an unusual exhaustion of the short interest, and this was held largely accountable for the dropping tendency of prices to-day.

Of the more active facts the most important was the rapid accumulation of idle freight cars reported by the American Railway Association's committee. The number of these April 15 was 34,370, which is pronounced the greatest total in the history of American railroading. So emphatic an evidence of renewed trade action did not pass unheeded in speculative circles.

Among the most tangible influences in the day's market was an impression sought to be created, that powerful banking and financial interests which have supported the market had achieved the desired purpose of insuring the underwriting of proposed bond issues, and saw no further necessity for fostering the advance. This view obtained force from the action of new issues on the outside market where they are dealt in. Copper receded in London. Crop news was favorable.

The Pennsylvania dividend meeting to-morrow was regarded in the light of recent reduction in the New York Central dividend rate.

Bonds were irregular. Total sales, par value, \$3,176,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

## NEW YORK STOCKS.

By F. W. Stevenson.

New York, April 30, 1908.

Open, High, Low, Close.

Amal. Copper 60 1/4 61 1/4 59 1/2 59 1/2

Am. Car. Fdy. 35 1/2 35 1/2 34 1/2 34 1/2

Am. Loco. 47 1/2 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2

Am. Cot. Oil. 29 1/2 28 1/2 27 1/2 27 1/2

Am. Smelters 71 1/2 72 1/2 70 1/2 70 1/2

do pfd. 90 1/2 90 1/2 89 1/2 89 1/2

Am. Sugar 109 1/2 109 1/2 106 1/2 106 1/2

Amacorona 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2 28 1/2

Atchison 79 1/2 80 1/2 79 1/2 79 1/2

do pfd. 83 1/2 83 1/2 82 1/2 82 1/2

B. & O. 86 1/2 86 1/2 85 1/2 85 1/2

do pfd. 84 1/2 84 1/2 83 1/2 83 1/2

B. R. T. 46 1/2 47 1/2 46 1/2 46 1/2

C. P. R. 155 1/2 156 1/2 155 1/2 155 1/2

Cent. Leather 24 1/2 24 1/2 23 1/2 23 1/2

C. & G. L. 37 1/2 37 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2

C. & O. 37 1/2 37 1/2 36 1/2 36 1/2

C. & W. 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2

C. M. & S. P. 127 129 127 127 1/2

C. T. and T. 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2 5 1/2

do pfd. 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2

D. and R. G. 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2 20 1/2

Ede. 18 18 17 1/2 17 1/2

do pfd. 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2

G. & N. 127 127 125 1/2 125 1/2

Int. Paper 97 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2 97 1/2

Met. Traction 103 1/2 104 1/2 103 1/2 103 1/2

M. S. P. S. M. 29 29 29 29

do pfd. 112 1/2 112 1/2 112 1/2 112 1/2

Mo. Pac. 141 1/2 141 1/2 141 1/2 141 1/2

N. Y. C. 100 1/2 100 1/2 99 1/2 99 1/2

N. Y. & W. 131 1/2 132 1/2 131 1/2 131 1/2

do pfd. 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2 65 1/2

S. P. 15 15 14 1/2 14 1/2

S. R. 147 1/2 147 1/2 147 1/2 147 1/2

do pfd. 14 14 14 14

Union Pac. 138 1/2 137 1/2 135 1/2 135 1/2

do pfd. 80 1/2 80 1/2 80 1/2 80 1/2

U. S. Steel 30 30 29 1/2 29 1/2

do pfd. 140 140 140 140

Wabash 10 10 10 10

do pfd. 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2 19 1/2

West. Union 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2 51 1/2

Woolen Mfg. 21 21 20 20 20 20

Money on call 1 1/2 1/2 1/2 1/2

Sales to 11 a. m., 163,000 shares; sales to 12 p. m., 356,500 shares; sales to 1 p. m., 354,800 shares; sales to 2 p. m., 426,300 shares; sales to 3 p. m., 584,100 shares.

## CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE.

By F. W. Stevenson.

Chicago, April 30, 1908.

Open, High, Low, Close.

Wheat No. 2—

May 55 99 1/2 98 1/2 99 1/2

July 55 1/2 88 1/2 87 1/2 88 1/2

Sept. 55 1/2 84 1/2 84 1/2

Corn No. 2—

May 67 1/2 67 1/2 65 1/2 67 1/2

July 63 1/2 63 1/2 63 1/2 64 1/2

Sept. 62 62 1/2 61 1/2 62 1/2

Oats No. 2—

May 52 1/2 53 1/2 52 1/2 53

July 44 44 43 1/2 43 1/2

Sept. 37 37 36 1/2 36 1/2

Pork—

May 12 27 13 32 13 15 13 15

July 13 60 13 65 13 50 13 50

Sept. 13 90 13 95 13 80 13 80

Liverpool Wheat—

May 78 3 1/2d. 78 3 1/2d.

## MONTREAL STOCKS.

By Waghorn, Gwynn & Co., 519 Granville street, Vancouver;

Sellers, Buyers.

Montreal 210 216

Molson 155 1/2 195

Royal 222

Merchant 150

Commerce 150 1/2

Twin City 57 1/2 56 1/2

Mont. Heat and Power. 95 94 1/2

Ogilvies 126

Mont. Street Railway. 181 180

Toronto Street Railway. 99 1/2

Dominion Coal. 46

Dom. Iron and Steel. 17 16 1/2

Nova Scotia Steel. 52 52

Can. Pac. Ry. 156 156

Can. Pac. Ry. 159 1/2 159 1/2

## VANCOUVER STOCK EXCHANGE.

Temporary Trading Stock.	
Bld.	Asked.
Alberta Coal and Coke Co.	30
B. C. Copper Co.	4.50 5.25
Burton Saw Works	100 105
Canadian Con. S. and R.	70.00 77.00
Caribou Camp. McKinnon	1 1/2 2 1/2
Caribou Camp. McRae	1.50 2.00
Granby	75.00 90.00
Int. Coal and Coke Co.	72 74
Imperial Trust Co.	105
Portland Canal	12 25
Rambler Caribou	25 28
Sullivan	1 1/2
Western Oil Co.	60
<b>Courier &amp; Almon Stocks.</b>	
Bld.	Asked.
Almond	4 5
Charles Dickens	18
Gold	5
Hummingbird	3 1/2
Idora	3 1/2 3 1/2
Missoula Copper	10 1/2 12
Nahob	4 5 7 1/2
O. K. Cor.	1 1/2 2 1/2
Oom Paul	4 6
Snow Storm	12 14
Stewart	85 100
Tamarac and Chesapeake	80 100
Wonder	1 1/2 2 1/2

## MORE CONFIDENT TONE OF FOREIGN MARKET.

Henry Clews Discusses the Situation for the Past Week—Condition of Trade

New York, April 23.—Henry Clews discusses the financial situation this week, as follows:

The most significant event of the week was the successful underwriting of the \$10,000,000 Pennsylvania 4 per cent. bonds. This is a very gratifying indication of revival of confidence, as well as positive signs of improvement in monetary conditions. Another pleasing feature connected with this transaction is that practically one-half of the issue is to be placed abroad; a very practical demonstration that there is a reviving foreign market for American investments of unquestionable security, which were long ago discredited by management of good reputation. There is solid encouragement in the fact that prominent foreign bankers are once more willing to finance our best American railroad properties. Europe, however, is still in a very discriminating mood; consequently it would be prudent to anticipate any general influx of foreign capital into this market. During the next six or twelve months several hundred millions of railroad obligations will mature and must be extended or refunded in some fashion or another, hence it is a relief to know that Europe will take a portion of our high grade investments.

### Refunding Operations.

For some time to come our leading financiers will be well occupied in the taking care of refunding operations; in the flotation of new debts, the panic, and in the reorganizations made necessary by present depressed conditions and past corporate misconduct.

Fortunately the prospects of channeling such operations have been much facilitated by improvement in the money market and removal of the credit blockade. What the effect of this will be remains to be seen. Possibly the extreme monetary ease once expected may not altogether materialize; for, in addition to the financial demands just referred to, and the export movement of gold, there is the early prospect of a large amount of capital investment to the extent of \$50,000,000. The government's deficiencies are steadily increasing, and Secretary Cortelyou must soon begin to call in heavy deposits made during the panic; probably taking funds from where in his judgment they are least needed. From these three quarters it will be that the main demand upon the money market between now and the crop moving season may be considerable, not sufficient, however, to produce any stringency whatever so long as general trade and industry remain as depressed as at present.

Abroad, the \$7,500,000 gold has been ordered for export; thus far

# Be Sure to Attend Today's Big Special Sales

Today starts us in our big carnival of value giving that we intend to keep up all through the month of May, we confidently expect this month to excel all our previous efforts, not forgetting how great our reputation is in that direction, the costume sale we start this morning is certainly one of the best offers we have ever made and the sale of boy's clothing should not be overlooked by thrifty mothers.

## Snappy Footwear for Men

MEN'S TAN KID BLUCHER LACE BOOT. Per pair. \$3.00  
MEN'S KID BLUCHER OXFORDS, medium sole. Per pair. \$2.50  
MEN'S TAN KID BLUCHER OXFORDS, welted sole. Per pair. \$3.50  
MEN'S PATENT KID BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welted sole. Per pair. \$4.00  
MEN'S DONGOLA KID LACE BOOTS, medium sole. Per pair. \$2.50  
MEN'S TAN VICI KID BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welted sole. Per pair. \$3.75



MEN'S BLUCHER CALF LACE OXFORDS, welted sole. Per pair. \$3.50

MEN'S WHITE CANVAS BLUCHER OXFORD. Per pair. \$1.75

MEN'S RUSS CALF BLUCHER BOOT, welted sole. Per pair. \$3.50

MEN'S PATENT COLT BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, welted sole. Per pair. \$5.00

MEN'S CALF BLUCHER LACE BOOTS, medium sole. Per pair. \$3.00

MEN'S CANVAS LACE BOOTS, Per pair. \$1.90

MEN'S RUSS CALF, BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole. Per pair. \$3.50

MEN'S CALF, BUTTON OXFORDS, hand-made, welt sole. Per pair. \$5.00

MEN'S GUN METAL CALF OXFORD, welt sole. Per pair. \$4.50

MEN'S PATENT KID, BLUCHER LACE BOOT, welt sole. Per pair. \$4.00

MEN'S KID LACE BOOT, welt sole. Per pair. \$3.50

MEN'S PATENT COLT, BLUCHER OXFORD, welt last, welt sole. Per pair. \$6.00

MEN'S PATENT COLT, BLUCHER, OXFORD, welt sole. Per pair. \$4.00

MEN'S CHOCOLATE VICI KID, BLUCHER, welt sole. Per pair. \$3.75

## Sale of Women's Costumes Today and Tomorrow

For today and Saturday we offer at great price reductions 263 Women's Costumes. These Costumes are entirely new and in most cases only one of a kind, therefore having the merit of exclusiveness. All things considered, this should be one of the most appreciated sales we have had in this section for some time. Choose any costume in the lot and you will not be disappointed in getting a bargain. To show our confidence in these suits we make the following offer: If you buy one of these costumes and find when you get it home that it is not what you thought it was, you may return it and get what you paid for it. These costumes comprise all the latest styles, everything that is new, both in style and cloth being shown. As we wish to close out the entire lot in two days' selling, we have marked them at these "hurry out" prices to insure a quick sale.



\$25.00 and \$30.00  
Values Today

**\$13.75**



WOMEN'S FRENCH PANAMA AND VENETIAN CLOTH COSTUMES, colors brown, blue, and black. Merry Widow style, hip length coat, single breasted cut-away front with side pockets, semi-flitting back, full length sleeve with deep cuff, skirt circular cut with deep bias fold of self, coat silk lined. Regular \$25.00. To-day ... \$13.75



\$30.00 to \$50.00  
Values Today

**\$22.50**

WOMEN'S WALKING COSTUME, in black and white check also fine grey stripe, coat 27 inches long and cut with pointed front and back, single breasted with outside pockets, silk lined throughout, skirt circular with two bias folds. Regular \$27.50. To-day ... \$22.50



WOMEN'S SMARTLY TAILORED COSTUME, in brown chiffon broadcloth, coat hip length with cut-away front and finished back, 3/4 length, butterfly sleeve, inlaid collar and vest of corded silk finished with French braid, skirt with double box pleat down front and back and circular cut sides. Regular \$50.00. To-day ... \$22.50



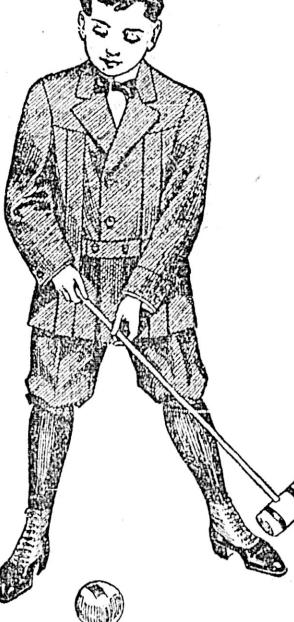
## Boys' Suits Much Below Regular Price

While providing Clothing Bargains for the elders in the house, we have not overlooked the welfare of the boy. One of our buyers picked up this lot at a great snap, so we intend giving you a chance today and Saturday to partake in the money saving opportunity.

Values up to \$3.50  
Today

**\$2.50**

THESE SUITS are made up in a large and varied assortment of medium and dark colored tweeds of a real good quality, the style used is the indispensable Norfolk effects and other serviceable styles in two pieces, the suits are neat and natty, being well made and nicely finished, nobody would be ashamed to see their boy dressed in one of these suits, in sizes we can fit boys from 4 years to 15 years. Regular values up to \$3.50. To-day ... \$2.50



These are new, fresh goods made of good materials in the best possible manner, and in all the styles best suited for boys' wear. The prices are so nominal that perhaps you will think that the garments are not all right. Make no mistake about that, as this is one of the best, if not the best offering of Boys' Clothing that we have ever made.

Values up to \$5.50  
Today

**\$3.50**

THE STYLES of these suits are the two-piece Norfolk, both double and single-breasted, some with belts or straps and yokes, also three piece style, mostly with single-breasted coats, these suits are made up in a fine assortment of light medium and dark tweeds of a very good quality, they are faultlessly tailored and finished with every attention to detail, there are some beautiful suits in this lot, sizes range from 4 years to 15 years. Regular values up to \$5.50. To-day ... \$3.50

## Two Big Crockery Specials

Tumblers and Cups and Saucers on Sale Today

For today we have two specials to offer that, being as they are, housekeeping necessities, should interest many. The chance to buy such staple articles at such generous reductions is a little out of the ordinary, coming just now when many people are buying supplies for the country house. This offering should meet with the success that it deserves.

MEDIUM BREAKFAST CUPS AND SAUCERS, edge line and sprig pattern. Regular, per dozen, \$2.50. Special today, 10c

TABLE WATER TUMBLERS, plain or cut pattern. Regular, per dozen, 75c. Special today, per dozen ... 25c

## Women's Natty Footwear

WOMEN'S COLONIAL TIE, patent colt, welted sole. Per pair ... \$4.50

WOMEN'S COLONIAL TIE, Russ. calf, Colonial tie, welted sole, Cuban heel. Per pair ... \$4.50

WOMEN'S COPPER COLOR-ED RUSSIA CALF COLONIAL TIE, welted sole, Cuban heel. Per pair ... \$4.50

WOMEN'S WHITE CANVAS OXFORD. Per pair ... \$1.25

WOMEN'S TAN KID TIE, MONTE TIE, turn sole. Per pair ... \$3.50

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT, side lace Oxford, tan kid top, Cuban heel. Per pair ... \$4.50



WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID OXFORDS, patent facing, patent tip, military heel. Per pair ... \$2.00

WOMEN'S KID OXFORD, gun last, circular foxed, military heel, patent tip, light sole. Per pair ... \$2.00

WOMEN'S DONGOLA KID BLUCHER OXFORDS, medium sole, patent facing and patent tip. Per pair ... \$2.00

WOMEN'S DONGOLA OXFORDS, light and medium sole, self tip, medium heel. Per pair ... \$1.30

WOMEN'S KID BLUCHER OXFORDS, welted sole, patent tip, Pic. last. Per pair, Price ... \$1.25

WOMEN'S KID BLUCHER OXFORD, dull kid top, patent tip, military heel. Per pair ... \$2.75

WOMEN'S COLONIAL TIES—Buckle, welt sole, in tan, Russia and patent colt. Per pair ... \$4.50

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT BLUCHER OXFORD, Welt sole. Per pair ... \$3.00

WOMEN'S GOLDEN BROWN CALF BLUCHER OXFORDS—5th Ave. Last, military heel, welt sole. Per pair ... \$4.00

WOMEN'S PATENT COLT BUTTON OXFORD—Cuban heel. Per pair ... \$4.00

## Stationery Dept. Bargains

An interesting array of prices that will demonstrate our ability to offer extra values on staple articles.

NAIL BRUSHES, 50c, 35c, and 10c

COMBS, 25c, 20c, 15c, 10c and ... 5c

TOOTH BRUSHES, 35c, 30c, 25c, 20c, 15c and ... 10c

SPONGES, each 50c, 35c, 25c, 20c, 15c and ... 10c

SILVER POLISH, per tin ... 15c

SHAVING SOAP, per stick, 25c, and ... 20c

VISITING CARDS, per package, 30c, 25c, 20c and ... 15c

TALCUM POWDER, per tin ... 25c

BATH POWDER, package ... 25c

TOILET SOAP, 2 cakes for ... 25c

3 cakes for ... 25c

TOILET SOAP, per box, 50c, 40c, 35c and ... 25c

24 ENVELOPES AND 24 SHEETS OF PAPER, in box, 50c, 40c, 35c, and ... 10c

A Good Collection of 25c and 35c Books Reduced to each ... 15c

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SPENCER'S VICTORIA LINEN, per lb. ... 25c

SPENCER'S VICTORIA LINEN ENVELOPES, 3 packages ... 25c

WRITING TABLETS, each 25c, 15c, 10c and ... 5c

ENVELOPES, per package, 15c, 10c and ... 5c

SCRIBBLERS, 3 for ... 10c

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The Best Steel Ranges on the Market

We want to tell you about the Ranges we carry. There are

Ranges being made right here in our own city, have very many

advantages. You get more weight in them, and weight is absolutely necessary to get the best results. Ranges brought here from other cities are cut down in weight to save freight expenses.

It is not necessary to do that with a Range made by the Albion

Iron Works Co., right here in Victoria. The extra weight tells

particularly about the ovens. Our ovens are extra thickness,

preventing buckling and providing an even and steady heat.

Then all the parts are always on hand. How many times, with

no better ones on the market than the ones shown by us. These

other makes, you want to replace a part. You find that you can

not get it here, you send away for it, and by the time it arrives

some other part of the stove that has been doing perhaps double

duty in the meantime has given way, and often puts the range

completely out of business for the time being. If you are thinking

of getting a Range it would be well to consult the manager

of our stove department. He knows his business thoroughly and

can show you the models and give you many indisputable reasons why you would be better satisfied with our Ranges than any other.

## We Repair Upholstered Furniture

If you want anything done in this line, we ask you to give us a trial. We employ only expert workmen and turn out nothing but first class work. We would be pleased to estimate for you. If there is any work of this kind you thought of having done, a phone message to us will bring one of our representatives to you at once to give you an estimate on the work. We guarantee our work to be the very best and our prices the very lowest.

## Try the Vacuum Cleaner

Many can testify to the good qualities of this system of cleaning carpets and upholstered furniture. Anybody using the cleaner once becomes an advertisement for its good qualities, it is so easy to have the cleaning done this way. No upsetting the house from end to end to do the work, and yet this system does the work more thoroughly than any other and with less wear on the article being cleaned. If you desire more information about the cleaner, call up 1685 and we will give you the information department.

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